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Two health systems dominate

Pair of companies may soon own more than half the hospitals in Connecticut. Lawmakers are taking note.

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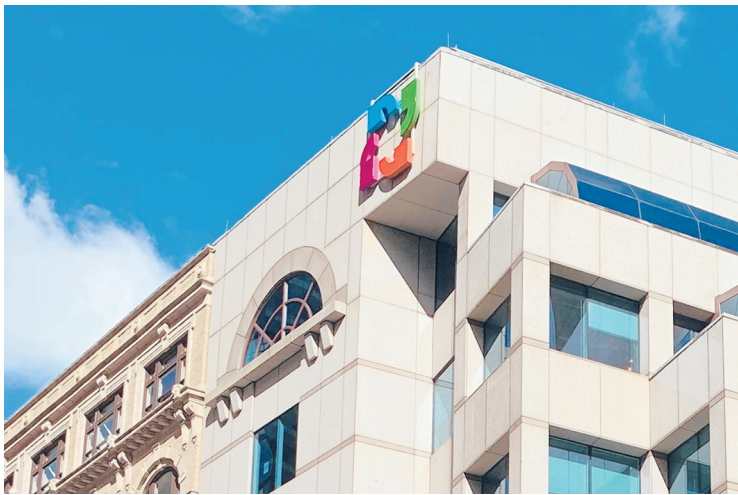
When Yale New Haven Health recently announced its intent to purchase three additional hospitals, the news marked the latest development in a long-running trend in Connecticut and nationwide: the consolidation of hospitals into large, sprawling systems.

If Yale New Haven's acquisition of Waterbury Hospital, Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital were to gain regulatory approval in the coming

months, more than half of Connecticut's acute-care hospitals — accounting for far more than half the state's hospital beds — would be owned by just two health systems.

While the two large systems, Yale New Haven Health and Hartford HealthCare, argue that consolidation makes for more efficient services, allowing patients statewide access to higher-level care, others aren't so sure. In January, Saint Francis Hospital sued Hartford HealthCare, claiming the larger system was attempting to "crush" or "bury"

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Hartford HealthCare faces two lawsuits accusing it of anticompetitive practices. Along with Yale New Haven Health, Hartford HealthCare has come to dominate health care in Connecticut. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

Beloved but endangered

The 10 Hartford historic properties most at risk include a church, park, hospital brownstones and more

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

When Pastor Corey James took the helm of one of the most historic churches in Hartford's North End, Carnegie Hall was his first thought when he saw the worship space.

"It was just so breathtaking, standing in this space," James said, overlooking the sanctuary from a balcony opposite a soaring, nearly floor-to-ceiling pipe organ.

But to the many who've only seen the former Horace Bushnell Congregational Church from Albany Avenue, the overriding impression is decay that is only getting worse.

The Hartford Preservation Alliance's worries about the fate of the landmark 108-year-old church — its soaring yet battered steeple and its elegant but now rotting pediment — has landed the building on the alliance's top 10 list for 2022 of most endangered properties in the city.

The church, arguably quintessential New England town green, is joined by a deteriorating, vacant school in Barry Square, a rundown house in Parkville, and brownstones on the campus of Hartford Hospital.

1. Liberty Christian Center International

The church — renamed Liberty Christian Center International in 1998, reflecting a shift to an interdenominational faith community — is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. While a designation of honor, it places restrictions on how the church can make repairs and ultimately adds to the costs.

"It's a little more intricate than just going up there and throwing some paint on it and fixing it," Rodney Powell, a longtime church member, said.

Five years ago, repairs were estimated to cost \$1.2 million, but the costs will likely be far higher now, Powell said.

Work on the steeple and portico had to be pushed back to first repair the building's roof, itself a \$30,000 job, Powell said.

Powell said the structure is still sound and safe, but deterioration of the decorative architectural elements that distinguish the church has accelerated in the past three or so years.

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A merged panoramic photograph shows a ceiling-to-floor view of Liberty Christian Center International in Hartford, providing a stark contrast to the building's exterior decay. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Zelenskyy calls for meeting with Putin

Ukrainian leader's request made as tensions increase

By Jim Heintz, Dasha Litvinova and Lori Hinnant
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, facing a sharp spike in violence in and around territory held by Russia-backed rebels and increasingly dire warnings that Russia plans to invade, on Saturday called for Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet him and seek resolution to the crisis.

"I don't know what the president of the Russian Federation wants, so I am proposing a meeting," Zelenskyy said at the Munich Security Conference, where he also met with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris. Zelenskyy said Russia could pick the location for the talks.

"Ukraine will continue to follow only

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Fitch now among Huskies of Honor

UConn's first Black player inducted 90 years after debut

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

STORRS — The string was pulled, the cloth shroud was dropped and bright lights of Gampel Pavilion shined Saturday, at long last, on the legacy of Harrison "Honey" Fitch.

The newest member of UConn's Huskies of Honor, Fitch was the first African American to play basketball for UConn, joining the men's program in 1932. He also played baseball and football for UConn, then known as Connecticut State College, as he had for Hillhouse High in New Haven. But it was in basketball that Fitch was most vulnerable to racist taunts and slurs from the crowd when UConn played on the road.

At Coast Guard in January 1934, the

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Restaurants hoping worst is over

Many Hartford restaurants have sat empty or nearly empty for months since the omicron variant slammed the brakes on the recovery that the dining industry craves. **SUNDAY CT, PAGE 1**

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competitors by buying up physician networks. A month later, six Connecticut residents sued Hartford HealthCare, accusing the system of driving up prices with anticompetitive practices.

Meanwhile, Hartford HealthCare's attempts to close the maternity ward at Windham Hospital have drawn backlash from locals, who see the hospital behemoth as stripping services from their corner of the state.

"These big consolidations have basically eroded the word 'community' out of the title of some of these hospitals," said Lynne Ide, a Windham resident and director of program and policy for the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut. "It's now part of what [serves] the bigger chain."

As the Yale New Haven acquisition and the Hartford HealthCare lawsuits proceed, consolidation is expected to emerge as a key issue during the current legislative session, with some lawmakers eyeing tighter regulation for the hospital industry.

"I have heard from folks all over the political spectrum that this is something they want us to tackle in 2022," said state Sen. Matt Lesser, a Democrat from Middletown who chairs the legislature's Insurance Committee. "It seems like a really critical problem that have to address."

Consolidation concerns

If Yale New Haven's latest acquisition goes through, it and Hartford HealthCare will together own 14 of Connecticut's 27 acute-care hospitals. Smaller systems, Nuvance Health and Trinity Health of New England, each own three additional hospitals, leaving seven operating independently.

Connecticut's hospitals weren't always so concentrated within a few systems. A decade ago, Hartford HealthCare and Yale New Haven Health owned four hospitals apiece, leaving the majority of hospitals in the state either independent or owned by smaller systems.

Then Hartford HealthCare purchased Backus Hospital in Norwich in 2012, Yale New Haven Health bought Lawrence + Memo-

rial Hospital in New London in 2016, and Hartford HealthCare added St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport in 2019. Yale New Haven's recent acquisition of Waterbury Hospital, Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital, pending regulatory approval, marks the latest and largest move.

Along the way, the two systems have also bought up physicians' practices, prompting Saint Francis Hospital to sue Hartford HealthCare, alleging "a campaign of exclusion, acquisition and intimidation." Hartford HealthCare says the lawsuit is "without merit."

This trend toward consolidation isn't unique to Connecticut. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the United States saw 778 hospital mergers between 2010 and 2017, at which point two-thirds of all hospitals were part of a larger system (as compared to 53% in 2005).

This consolidation can have consequences for patients. Research has shown that concentrated control of health care services can lead to higher prices — and not necessarily better care — by giving large hospital systems greater leverage over insurers.

Unchecked mergers, said Victoria Veltri, executive director of Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy, "can lead to a situation of extreme market power, which leads to higher prices."

"At the same time, we're not seeing an improved level of quality with these kinds of transactions," Veltri said.

Concerns about cost are central to a class-action lawsuit filed last week by six Connecticut residents, who claim Hartford HealthCare "has used anti-competitive methods to charge unreasonably high prices and reduce quality of care at its facilities in ways that would not be possible in a fair, competitive market."

"These high prices are only possible because Hartford HealthCare first acquired numerous facilities and practices and then leveraged that acquired market power to limit competition and raise prices," lawyers for the plaintiffs claimed in a release.

Hartford HealthCare has responded that the allegations "misrepresent the many ways Hartford HealthCare is working to transform health care, building a system of care that is more accessible, has lower-cost options,



Hartford HealthCare CEO Jeffrey Flaks has often touted the system's statewide reach as a benefit to patients, allowing the system to attract top doctors and spread their expertise widely. COURANT FILE PHOTO

is a champion for equity and both attracts and delivers excellence."

Some see consolidation as part of a broader problem. John Brady, a former registered nurse at Backus Hospital who is now vice president of AFT Connecticut, said he doesn't view consolidation as inherently bad but that too often, in his view, hospital conglomerates fail to act in a broader public interest.

"The important thing is that hospitals seem to often forget that they have a mission to society," he said. "They're not Walmart. They don't exist to buy and sell goods. They exist to provide a needed service to the people of Connecticut."

'An opportunity'

Not everyone views consolidation as problematic. Dr. Robert Russo, chief medical officer for the Connecticut State Medical Society, said physicians are often content to sacrifice some autonomy by joining a larger network if it means no longer needing to interface with insurance companies or stress other administrative tasks.

"Doctors as a group don't really worry about the hospitals getting together, because it is one solution for their problems, which are the hassle of working with the insurance companies," Russo said.

Meanwhile, the large hospitals themselves say that consolidation allows them to provide care more efficiently. In an interview Thursday, Yale New Haven Senior Vice President and Chief Policy and Communications Officer Vin

Petrini said that Connecticut still has ample competition among hospitals and that large systems' ability to purchase goods and services in bulk helps lower costs for both providers and patients.

"You can focus on providing a high-quality care locally, invest in those services, and you can create efficiencies as well through scale," he said. "There's an opportunity there."

Though Hartford HealthCare did not make any officials available for interview, CEO Jeff Flaks has often touted the system's statewide reach as a benefit to patients, allowing the system to attract top doctors and spread their expertise widely.

In a statement Friday, Hartford HealthCare spokesperson Tina Varona said the system is "transforming a fragmented model of care that is too often inefficient and inequitable."

"We are doing this by investing in expertise, expanding access and creating jobs — all for the purpose of delivering better health outcomes," she said.

Veltri, from the Office of Health Strategy, said the hospitals make fair points about efficiency and integration but that those benefits are often counterbalanced by a reduction in choice and an increase in prices for patients.

"That should be of concern to people," she said.

'Top of the list' for legislature

Even in a short legislative session, Lesser said he expects

legislation regarding hospital consolidation to move forward.

"This is the top of the list," he said. "My colleagues in the northwest corner are screaming about it. My colleagues in Windham are screaming about it. It's an issue in Manchester and Waterbury — all over the state."

Ide, the activist from Windham, said she'd like to see further regulation on hospitals' ability to reduce or eliminate services and tougher penalties for those who violate the existing rules. Hartford HealthCare was recently fined \$65,000 for ceasing labor and delivery services at Windham Hospital prior to filing the necessary documentation with the state — a sum Ide described as "inadequate in acting as a deterrent."

Veltri said she sees significant "gaps" in Connecticut's statutes, limiting what OHS can review and regulate. In 2017, a state task force proposed extensive recommendations to tighten the Certificate of Need process that governs hospitals, but a bill that would have implemented those suggestions failed to advance in the legislature.

In addition to tighter regulation, Veltri's wish list for the current legislative session includes funding for an updated health systems plan for the state.

"Where government can have a role here is to exert its authority to say, 'For public health purposes and for rational distribution of health care services, we need to insist on having a plan for the state,'" she said. "You have to have that vision of where we need to be, and then you can look at these transactions to see if they make sense and are consistent with this plan."

Lesser said he would support letting the state set hospitals' rates directly, as Maryland does, but that more likely solutions include closing loopholes in the CON process, further empowering OHS and providing relief to struggling independent hospitals to ensure competition.

"If you have a monopoly, you either break them up or you regulate them up aggressively," Lesser said. "But what we have right now is increasingly unregulated monopolies, and that's bad for everybody."

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The architectural details on the steeple of the former Horace Bushnell Congregational Church in Hartford have significantly deteriorated in the past three years or so, church officials said. The location of a missing column — blown off in a wind storm — is clearly visible alongside other decay. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

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In that time, a column adorning the base of the steeple blew off in a wind storm; rot has intensified along the facade’s pediment and cornice; and netting once intended to keep away pigeons is now catching bits and pieces of the portico ceiling that have fallen away.

James, who became pastor in August, has a big job ahead raising the funds for a restoration.

James leads a relatively modest community of 150 families, about a third of which are active in their attendance at services. The pandemic, he said, has seen online views soar but that does not necessarily translate to more money in the collection basket, James said.

The church, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, is reaching out to historic preservation agencies for grants, but in many cases the grants must be matched. “It’s like you need the help, but you need money for the help,” James said.

Powell said a capital campaign among members is possible, but a half a million dollars — “that’s not a small amount.”

The construction of Georgian Revival-style church, completed in 1914, is itself an early example of historic preservation. The steeple and portico were taken from an earlier church on Main Street, making the now threatened architectural elements more than 170 years old.

Throughout its history, the church has focused on community outreach and development, ranging from its food pantry — one of the oldest in the city — to recent coronavirus vaccination clinics.

In 1986, the late South African Anglican bishop and theologian Desmond Tutu kicked off a U.S. tour at the church preaching against apartheid. In 2020, the church was a prominent backdrop for Black Lives Matter marches.

“Somebody might say, ‘Why don’t you just take it down?’ “ James said. “But to take it down is to lose so much history that comes along with this building and the other building that was on Main Street. I just want to make sure the community is aware that we are doing everything we can to restore it to its original glory.”



Rodney Powell, a longtime member of Liberty Christian Center International church at Albany Avenue and Vine Street in Hartford, estimates repairs to the building’s exterior will far exceed a five-year-old estimate of \$1.2 million.

In addition to the church, here is the alliance’s list of most endangered properties in Hartford:

2. 270-294 Albany Ave.

Neighborhood: Clay Arsenal
Historic District: Clay Arsenal National Historic District
Built: circa 1870
Style: Second Empire
Owner: City of Hartford
Architect: Unknown
What the alliance said: “The former brewery and tavern at 270 Albany Avenue was listed on our first endangered buildings list in 2015. The city of Hartford has issued a request for proposals for rehabbing this and adjacent buildings to the west, but a recent fire in one of these vacant buildings will mean the loss of space that could have housed four small businesses.” “

3. St. Augustine’s School

Neighborhood: Barry Square
Address: 20 Clifford St.
Built: 1927
Style: Classic Revival
Owner: Clifford Hartford LLC/Ocean Management
Architect: Whiton & McMahon
What the alliance said: “The alliance and the Maple Avenue Revitalization Group had high hopes when the St. Augustine School building was sold

to another developer after it appeared on our 2021 Endangered Buildings List.”

4. The Deborah Chapel

Neighborhood: Frog Hollow
Address: 151 Ward St.
Historic District: Frog Hollow
Built: 1886
Style: Romanesque Revival
Owner: Congregation Beth Israel
Architect: Unknown
What the alliance said: “The loss of the chapel will not only be the loss of an important neighborhood asset but will sever a connection between past, present and future generations.”

5. Belanger Woodworking Co.

Neighborhood: Parkville
Address: 152 Francis Ave.
Historic District: Parkville National Historic District
Built: 1913-1916
Style: Vernacular
Owner: Inspired Girls Club Inc.
Architect: Unknown
What the alliance said: “When French-Canadian immigrant Theophile Belanger and his business partners established their company at 152 Francis Ave. in the early 20th century, they were situated in the midst of a thriving manufacturing district and in the shadow of the Royal Typewriter



The former St. Augustine’s School in Hartford’s Barry Square neighborhood has languished under the ownership of two developers after it was sold by the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2018.



The 135-year-old Deborah Chapel at Beth Israel Cemetery in Hartford’s Frog Hollow neighborhood remains under threat of demolition.

manufacturing complex on New Park Avenue. After being briefly used as the Heritage Hall banquet facility, the site was the home of a Peruvian social club from 1967 until the early 21st century.”

6. 154 Francis Ave.

Neighborhood: Parkville
Historic District: Parkville National Historic District
Built: circa 1886
Style: Vernacular residence
Owner: Mirtha L. Castaneda Diaz
Architect: Unknown
What the alliance said: “154 Francis Ave. is typical of the buildings that were constructed in the late 19th century to house the working class. This house’s original owner, Thomas Coyne, worked for the New York Railroad and his descendants occupied the house until the early 1970s.” Saving 152 & 154 Francis “is important because of their proximity to the CTfastrak line and soon to be constructed senior housing at the corner of Francis Court and New Park Avenue. Homes like 154 Francis are also important to maintaining and creating owner-occupied properties that are the backbone of thriving historic neighborhoods.”

7. St. Michael’s Church rectory

Neighborhood: Northeast
Address: 5 Clark St.
Historic District: Capen-Clark National Historic District
Built: 1927-1928
Style: Gothic Revival
Owner: Haljojo Contractors LLC
Architect: William Schmidt
What the alliance said: “Built as the rectory for St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, the building became the Amistad House in 1972, the first infant daycare center in Hartford as well as a group home for high school-age girls. After closing in 1983, the House of Bread operated a shelter for [men experiencing homelessness.]”

8. South Green/ Barnard Park

Neighborhood: South Green
Address: 95 Main St.
Historic District: South Green National Historic District
Owner: City of Hartford
What the alliance said: “Barnard Park, also known as South Green, is one of the last recognizable sites in Hartford from the 17th century. As part of the Hartford park system, it, like many of our parks and cemeteries, have suffered from inadequate maintenance and upkeep. . Any plans at redeveloping Main Street should include an in-depth study of the historical development and uses of the green and the park.”

9. Hartford Hospital’s ‘Memorial’ Buildings

Buildings: Hall-Wilson Laboratory, Maternity Pavilion/Women’s Building, Mary A. Cheney Memorial Library and Florence Crane Building
Addresses: Retreat Avenue and Jefferson Street
Built: 1922-1930
Owner: Hartford Healthcare
Architects: Carl Malmfeldt, Kendall, Taylor & Co.
What the alliance said: “Since its inception in 1854, the generosity of Hartford’s citizens, including its most industrious and prosperous, have contributed to Hartford Hospital’s growth and its standing as a nationally-recognized medical facility. Many of these gifts, from the turn of the 20th century until the onset of the Great Depression, were not only dedicated wards and departments but actual buildings. As the needs and technology of patient care evolve, these “relics” of an earlier time may be sacrificed for new construction, as has already been seen with the demolition of the Children’s Ward and the Barney Building.”

Sources: Hartford Preservation Alliance, city of Hartford assessor.

Fitch

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opposing team refused to play until UConn agreed to keep Fitch on the bench. Fitch’s teammates and classmates, unaware of that agreement, were outraged and gave him their full support.

He was twice voted the most popular athlete on campus during his time.

“The response of the University of Connecticut has been truly extraordinary,” said Brooks Fitch, Honey’s son, who graduated from UConn in 1964. “Going back to incidents that happened in 1934, racist incidents at that time, UConn stepped up in a big way, and that’s what is happening in 2022. This recognition is very significant.”

Fitch transferred from UConn and later graduated from AIC, then had a long career in research for Monsanto. He remained a UConn fan for the rest of his life, his son said. Honey Fitch died in 1984.

His son, grandchildren and other relatives were at Gampel to share in the induction ceremony at halftime of the UConn-Xavier game Saturday.

“We had a chance before the game to talk about the social significance of it and how big a day this was,” UConn coach Dan Hurley



Brooks Fitch, left, son of the first Black player at UConn, Harrison “Honey” Fitch, is presented with a plaque by UConn athletic director David Benedict while posthumously inducting Harrison Fitch into the UConn Huskies of Honor during halftime of the men’s basketball game against Xavier on Saturday. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

said. “The history of it, it was pretty remarkable. A great move by the school and the athletic department.”

UConn players R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin met with the Fitch

family after the game. “It was huge. It was an honor,” Cole said. “We’re opening a lot of eyes. A lot of these things are coming out of the shadows now. To meet his family, especially his

son, and take pictures with them, it was definitely a special moment.”

Honey Fitch’s story came to light during the past year, and movement to induct him into the Huskies of Honor quickly gained

wide support. A video was shown, telling Fitch’s story, before his plaque, on the Gampel Pavilion concourse, bordered by Caron Butler’s, was unveiled.

“He was a very humble person,” said Brooks Fitch, 80. “He would be really overwhelmed, but very pleased and very proud at the level of achievement and recognition, and what it means for him and for his family.”

In honor of Fitch’s legacy, the UConn Foundation announced the establishing of the Harrison Fitch Fund, which will provide financial support for the university’s Human Rights Institute the Institute for Student Success.

Brooks Fitch believes Cole and Martin would be his father’s favorite players if he were alive to see them, because of their toughness and determination, and told them so following UConn’s 72-61 victory over Xavier.

“After the game, he came up to us and he wanted us to know if his father was alive, we would be his favorite players,” Martin said. “That obviously meant a lot, knowing we’re favorite players of his son. Spending time with the family and hearing things they were saying, it felt great to be part of that.”

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Dems, GOP eye issues for midterms

Parties differ on how to help families with inflation, pandemic

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans each want to flash election-year signals that they are riding to the rescue of families struggling with rising costs and the 2-year-old coronavirus pandemic.

Not surprisingly, the parties differ over how to do that. And in comments and votes in the Senate last week, each side fleshed out themes it will use to stir up support in this fall's voting for control of Congress.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., talked about inflation, bashing President Joe Biden and Democrats for policies like curbing drilling on federal lands that he said were stifling domestic energy production and driving up gasoline prices.

But he also raised culture war issues that have flared in the nation's schools, including mask mandates and social justice instruction that conservatives find objectionable.

Republicans "are standing up for science, for common sense and for the children's best interests," McConnell said. "The party of parents has your back."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Democrats will focus on pushing "solutions that will lower costs and leave more money in people's pockets."

Schumer said Democrats are considering legislation to reduce costs for child care, food, prescription drugs and semiconductors,



Democrats and Republicans say they want to help families struggling with rising costs and the pandemic. **MATT ROURKE/AP 2021**

the vital computer part now facing supply-chain shortages.

The economy and pandemic could look different by the time ballots are cast in November. A threatened Russian invasion of Ukraine and its repercussions could upend things.

But for now, Schumer's party is clearly on the defensive.

They have controlled the White House and Congress as inflation has risen to 7.5% annually, the highest in four decades. Regular gasoline, a benchmark people can easily see and feel, cost an average \$3.53 per gallon nationally last week, up from

\$2.58 a year ago, AAA said.

Even communities in Democratic-led states like New York and California are easing mask mandates as people increasingly bristle at those and other restrictions that have reshaped life with COVID-19.

In addition, Democrats' 50-50 Senate control, thanks to Vice President Kamala Harris' tiebreaking vote, is in danger. Each party has at least four seats in play in November, but Biden's negative approval ratings further burden Democrats, who are facing the long history of midterm election losses by the party holding the White House.

Schumer acknowledged that Democrats are "not going to agree on everything" they want to pursue. Notably, he said Democrats have yet to unite behind a proposal to suspend the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gasoline tax through this year.

Sponsors said that bill would bring "much needed economic relief to families." Based on government estimates on typical driving and vehicles' gas mileage, an average driver would save around \$100 for the entire year.

McConnell mocked it as a "bold, creative plan" that would do little for voters

while reducing federal money for road projects. He made clear he would oppose it, ensuring it will go nowhere.

That proposal's sponsors include Democrats' four most endangered incumbents facing reelection: Sens. Mark Kelly of Arizona, Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, Raphael Warnock of Georgia and Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada.

Schumer said Democrats would pursue a bill setting a price cap of \$35 monthly for insulin, the diabetes drug that can cost hundreds of dollars higher. It will be offered by Warnock.

The insulin proposal has been part of the party's stalled package of environment and social safety net spending. That measure has gotten little traction with a public confused about its potential benefits to their lives.

Schumer also set a late February vote on legislation explicitly inscribing abortion rights into law. Opposition from Republicans and perhaps some Democrats mean it is certain to fail. But the vote could help mobilize abortion-rights voters in a year when the Supreme Court could strike down the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that declared the procedure constitutionally protected.

McConnell brought up reliable GOP favorites such as accusing Democrats of being soft on crime and "pandering to woke mobs" while leaving blameless victims of violence at risk. But Republicans are also latching onto fresher, COVID-19 era concerns.

When the Senate gave final approval Thursday to a bill averting an imminent government shutdown, Republicans forced votes on proposals ending federal COVID-19 vaccine mandates and vaccine requirements for students imposed by school districts.

Both were narrowly defeated, with every Democrat opposing each amendment.

Still, the public and politicians of both parties are exhibiting growing impatience with pandemic restrictions.

And as the omicron wave recedes nationally, Republicans warned that continued resistance to relaxing those curbs would hurt Democrats.

Harris on Ukraine: World is at 'a decisive moment'

White House warns Russian invasion is highly likely soon

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

MUNICH — Vice President Kamala Harris said Saturday that the world has arrived at "a decisive moment in history" as the Biden administration warns a Russian invasion of Ukraine in the coming days is highly likely.

During a meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference, Harris vowed that the U.S. was committed to Ukraine's sovereignty.

The vice president also used an address at the conference to reiterate the Biden administration's promise to hit Russia with economy-jarring sanctions if it invades Ukraine again, following the 2014 seizure of Crimea.

"Let me be clear, I can say with absolute certainty: If Russia further invades Ukraine, the United States, together with our allies and partners, will impose significant and unprecedented economic costs," Harris said. Harris addressed the annual Munich conference

the day after President Joe Biden said he was "convinced" that Russia's Vladimir Putin has made the decision to invade Ukraine.

Russia's buildup of more than 150,000 troops near Ukraine's borders has helped to unify the 30 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Harris said.

"The United States, our allies, and our partners have achieved remarkable unity," she said. "It is evident in our shared acknowledgment of the threats, our united response, and our determination to uphold the international rules and norms."

At the meeting with Ukraine's leader, Harris called it "a decisive moment in history" and told Zelenskyy, "Any threat to your country we take seriously."

He responded: "We clearly understand what is going on. This is our land. We want peace."

Zelenskyy said he needs Western allies to take "specific steps," alluding to Ukraine's requests for added military and economic assistance. Zelenskyy also noted that with Russian troops at his country's borders, Ukraine's army is "defending all of Europe."

Harris remarked about the perilousness of the

moment in her address at the conference, noting that "not since the end of the Cold War has this forum convened under such dire circumstances."

"Today, as we are all well aware, the foundation of European security is under direct threat in Ukraine," she said.

Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and fomented a rebellion in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russia separatists have been fighting Ukrainian forces for almost eight years. The United States and the European Union previously sanctioned Russia over its seizure of Crimea.

Fears of an invasion have escalated in recent months amid Russia's troop buildup.

Harris said the Biden administration, along with its allies, had tried to engage with Moscow in good faith to find a diplomatic resolution but that effort was not reciprocated by the Kremlin. "Russia continues to say it is ready to talk while at the same time it narrows the avenues for diplomacy," Harris said. "Their actions simply do not match their words."

Harris credited European allies for speaking with a largely unified voice as the latest Ukraine crisis has



On Saturday in Munich, Vice President Kamala Harris assured Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy: "Any threat to your country we take seriously." **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

unfolded. The vice president said Republicans and Democrats in Washington — who rarely agree on major issues — are generally in agreement on the necessity of confronting Putin.

"We didn't all start out in the same place," Harris said. "We came together and are now speaking with a unified voice. And that voice was a function of not only dialogue and debate, some concessions, but also the practical realization of the moment that we are in, which is that we are looking at a sovereign nation that may very

well be on the verge of being invaded yet again."

The White House has not said whether it will fulfill those requests, but Harris suggested in her address that an invasion could lead to a bolstered American presence.

"The imposition of these sweeping and coordinated measures will inflict great damage on those who must be held accountable. And we will not stop with economic measures," she said. "We will further reinforce our NATO allies on the eastern flank."

Biden told reporters Friday that he believes Putin has decided to invade in the coming days, taking military action that could go far beyond the disputed Donbas region in eastern Ukraine and include the capital, Kyiv.

The vice president also met on Saturday with Germany's chancellor, Olaf Scholz. Biden has vowed the Nord Stream 2 Russia-to-Germany gas pipeline will be blocked if Russia further invades Ukraine.

The Los Angeles Times contributed.



EU chief Ursula von der Leyen outlined possible sanctions should Russia invade Ukraine. **ALEXANDRA BEIER/GETTY**

EU chief: Russia could be cut off from markets, tech goods

By Karl Ritter
and Geir Moulson
Associated Press

MUNICH — Moscow would have its access to financial markets and high-tech goods limited under Western sanctions being prepared in case Russia attacks Ukraine, a top European Union official said Saturday.

The comments from Ursula von der Leyen, head of the EU's Executive Commission, came as

tensions over Russia's intentions toward Ukraine intensified.

"The Kremlin's dangerous thinking, which comes straight out of a dark past, may cost Russia a prosperous future," von der Leyen said during the annual Munich Security Conference.

Von der Leyen said the EU's executive arm has developed a "robust and comprehensive package" of possible financial sanctions against Russia with the U.S.,

U.K. and Canada.

"In case that Russia strikes, we will limit the access to financial markets for the Russian economy and (impose) export controls that will stop the possibility for Russia to modernize and diversify its economy," she added. "And we have a lot of high-tech goods where we have a global dominance, and that are absolutely necessary for Russia and cannot be replaced easily."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the U.K.

was coordinating its sanctions closely with the EU.

"If Russia invades its neighbor, we will sanction Russian individuals and companies of strategic importance to the Russian state and we will make it impossible for them to raise finance on the London capital markets," he said in Munich. Johnson added that authorities would look for "the ultimate beneficiaries" of Russian-owned companies and entities.

Western leaders so far

have not specified what precise Russian action would trigger sanctions.

In Munich with other members of the U.S. Congress, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said sanctions might include the SWIFT banking system, which could cut Russia off from most international financial transactions.

Kicking Russia out of SWIFT would also hurt other economies, including those of the U.S. and key ally Germany.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Cleanup is underway after deadly storm rakes Western Europe

From news services

LONDON — Crews cleared fallen trees and worked to restore power to about 400,000 people in Britain as Western Europe cleaned up Saturday after one of the most damaging storms in years.

At least 12 people were killed, many by falling trees, in Ireland, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Named Storm Eunice by the British and Irish weather services, and Storm Zeynep in Germany, Friday's storm was the second to hit the region in a week.

Winds toppled the spire of a church in Wells, southwest England, ripped off parts of the domed roof of London's O2 Arena and left a trail of felled trees and damaged buildings across several countries.

A gust of 122 mph was provisionally recorded Friday on the Isle of Wight. If confirmed, it would be the highest ever in England.

The Met Office weather service said more strong winds would hit the southern coasts of England and Wales on Saturday, with the potential for further damage, while snow and ice could cause disruption further north.

Transport in Germany also remained severely disrupted, with railway operator Deutsche Bahn saying no long-distance trains would operate north of Dortmund, Hannover and Berlin until at least early evening.

The storm left at least three people dead in Germany, including a man who fell as he was trying to repair a damaged roof and a driver whose car crashed into a tree that had fallen across a road.

In the northwestern city of Bremen, a 180-foot crane

fell onto an unfinished office building.

A cleanup also was underway in the Netherlands, where four people died as Eunice tore across the country on Friday.

Engineers were expected to assess damage to the roof of a stadium in The Hague after parts of the structure were blown loose.

Across the country, teams were moving fallen trees and beginning to repair roofs damaged by the storm.

Epstein-linked agent dies: A modeling agent who was close to disgraced U.S. financier Jeffrey Epstein was found dead Saturday in his French jail cell, where he was being held in an investigation into the rape and sex trafficking of minors, according to the Paris prosecutor's office.

Paris police are investigating Jean-Luc Brunel's death at the La Sante prison in Paris, the prosecutor's office said.

Lawyers for Brunel, 75, suggested that he killed himself. Epstein killed himself in 2019 in a Manhattan jail while awaiting sex-trafficking charges.

In a statement, the lawyers described Brunel's "distress" at his incarceration and his repeated requests for a provisional release from the prison.

The lawyers would not comment further on what happened, and it was unclear whether the jail had suicide prevention measures in place.

Brunel was detained at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport in 2020 as part of a French probe unleashed by the U.S. sex-trafficking charges against Epstein.

A frequent companion of Epstein, Brunel was considered central to the French investigation into alleged sexual exploitation



Citrus sculpture: A work of art made of lemons and oranges is seen Saturday during the Menton Lemon Festival in Menton, France. The region in the country's southeast is known for its citrus, and the two-week festival that ends Feb. 27 marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. The festival is expected to welcome about 200,000 visitors. **DANIEL COLE/AP**

of women and girls by the U.S. financier and his circle.

Iran nuclear deal: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Saturday that "now is the moment of truth" to determine whether Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers can be salvaged, and the Iranian leadership needs to make a choice.

Iran's foreign minister, though, said that it's up to Western countries to show flexibility and "the ball is now in their court."

Negotiators from Iran and the remaining parties to the agreement — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China — are working in Vienna to restore the accord, which granted Iran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program.

The United States has participated indirectly in the talks because it withdrew from the deal in 2018 under then-President Donald Trump.

President Joe Biden has

signaled that he wants to rejoin the deal.

Under Trump, the U.S. reimposed heavy sanctions on Iran. Tehran has responded by increasing the purity and amounts of uranium it enriches and stockpiles.

Hong Kong case surge: Hong Kong reported 15 coronavirus deaths and more than 6,000 confirmed cases for a second day in a surge the Chinese territory's leader says its overwhelming hospitals.

There were 6,063 confirmed cases in the previous 24 hours, raising the territory's total to 46,763. That was down slightly from Thursday's 6,116 but one of Hong Kong's highest daily totals.

The government on Saturday announced plans to have construction crews from mainland China build isolation units with 10,000 beds after crowding at hospitals forced patients to wait outdoors in winter cold.

Greece ferry fire: Rescue teams in Greece searched a burning ferry Saturday for 12 people believed to be missing after it caught fire in the Ionian Sea.

After working all night to try to extinguish the blaze that broke out Friday, fire-fighting vessels surrounded the Euroferry Olympia, which was carrying more than 290 passengers and crew.

The Greek coast guard and other boats evacuated about 280 of them to Corfu. Photos taken Saturday morning showed thick smoke hanging over the ship, which was transporting 153 trucks and 32 cars.

A Greek coast guard spokeswoman said on Saturday afternoon that none of the 12 missing people had been found, although she said only small pockets of fire were active in the ferry.

Rodent infestation: More than 1,000 rodents were found inside a Family Dollar distribution facil-

ity in Arkansas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced Friday as the chain issued a voluntary recall affecting items purchased from hundreds of stores in the South.

A consumer complaint prompted officials to inspect the West Memphis, Arkansas, facility in January, the FDA said in a news release. Inside the building, inspectors said they found live rodents, dead rodents in "various states of decay," rodent feces, dead birds and bird droppings.

After fumigating the facility, more than 1,100 dead rodents were recovered, officials said.

Those products in the recall include human food, pet food, dietary supplements, cosmetics, medical devices and over-the-counter medications that were purchased in January or February from Family Dollar stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri or Tennessee.

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Hatred for Dems ‘just unbelievable’

Party struggling in rural America ahead of midterm elections

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

SMETHPORT, Pa. — Some Democrats here in rural Pennsylvania are afraid to tell you they’re Democrats.

The party’s brand is so toxic in the small towns 100 miles northeast of Pittsburgh that some liberals have removed bumper stickers and yard signs and refuse to acknowledge their party affiliation publicly. These Democrats are used to being outnumbered by the local Republican majority, but as their numbers continue to dwindle, the few that remain are feeling increasingly isolated and unwelcome in their own communities.

“The hatred for Democrats is just unbelievable,” said Tim Holohan, an accountant based in rural McKean County who recently encouraged his daughter to get rid of a pro-Joe Biden bumper sticker. “I feel like we’re on the run.”

The climate across rural Pennsylvania is symptomatic of a larger political problem threatening the Democratic Party ahead of the 2022 midterm elections. Beyond losing votes in virtually every election since 2008, Democrats have been effectively ostracized from many parts of rural America, leaving party leaders with few options to reverse a cultural trend that is redefining the nation’s political landscape.

The shifting climate helped Republicans limit Democratic gains in 2020 — the GOP actually gained House seats despite former President Donald Trump’s loss — and a year later, surging Republican rural support enabled Republicans to claim the Virginia governorship. A small but vocal group of party officials



Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, center, chats with fellow Democrats this month during a campaign stop at the Mechanistic Brewery in Clarion, Pennsylvania. Fetterman is a leading candidate in the state’s high-stakes Senate contest. **KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP**

now fears the same trends will undermine Democratic candidates in Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin, states that will help decide the Senate majority in November, and the White House two years after that.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party continues to devote the vast majority of its energy, messaging and resources to voters in more populated urban and suburban areas.

In Pennsylvania, Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, a leading candidate in the state’s high-stakes Senate contest, insists his party can no longer afford to ignore rural voters.

The former small-town mayor drove his black Dodge Ram pickup truck across five rural counties last weekend to face voters who almost never see statewide Democratic candidates.

Fetterman, wearing his signature hooded sweatshirt and gym shorts despite the freezing temperatures,

described himself as a champion for “the forgotten, the marginalized and the left-behind places” as he addressed roughly 100 people inside a bingo hall in McKean County, a place Trump carried with 72% of the vote in 2020.

“These are the kind of places that matter just as much as any other place,” Fetterman said as the crowd cheered.

The Democratic Party’s struggle in rural America has been building for years. And it’s getting worse.

Barack Obama won 875 counties nationwide in his overwhelming 2008 victory. Twelve years later, Biden won 527. The vast majority of those losses — 260 of the 348 counties — took place in rural counties, according to data compiled by The Associated Press.

The worst losses were concentrated in the Midwest: 21 rural counties in Michigan flipped from Obama in 2008 to Trump

in 2020; Democrats lost 28 rural counties in Minnesota, 32 in Wisconsin and 45 in Iowa.

Biden overcame rural losses to beat Trump in 2020 because of gains in more populous Democratic counties.

Perhaps because of his victory, some Democratic officials worry that party leaders do not appreciate the severity of the threat.

Democratic Rep. Jim Cooper of Tennessee, who recently announced he would not seek reelection to Congress this fall, warns that the party is facing extinction in small-town America.

“It’s hard to sink lower than we are right now. You’re almost automatically a pariah in rural areas if you have a D after your name,” Cooper said.

Even if Democrats continue to eke out victories by piling up urban and suburban votes, former Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota fears her party will

have “unstable majorities” if they cannot stop the bleeding in rural areas.

“Democrats have the House, they have the Senate, the presidency, but it’s an unstable majority. By that, I mean, the narrowest kind, making it difficult to advance ideas and build coalitions,” said Heitkamp, who now heads the One Country Project, which is focused on engaging rural voters.

She criticized her party’s go-to strategy for reaching rural voters: focusing on farmers and vowing to improve high-speed internet.

At the same time, she said Democrats are hurting themselves by not speaking out more forcefully against far-left positions that alienate rural voters, such as the push to “defund the police.”

While only a handful of Democrats in Congress support stripping such money from police departments, for example, conser-

vative media popular in rural communities — particularly Fox News — amplifies such positions.

“We’re letting Republicans use the language of the far left to define the Democratic Party, and we can’t do that,” Heitkamp said. “The trend lines in rural America are very, very bad. ... Now, the brand is so toxic that people who are Democrats, the ones left, aren’t fighting for the party.”

To help win back rural voters, the Democratic National Committee has tapped Kylie Oversen, a former North Dakota state legislator, to work with rural organizers and state party rural caucuses as the chair of the national committee’s rural council.

The DNC also says it’s sharing resources with people on the ground in rural areas to help improve training, recruiting and organizing.

So far, at least, those resources are not making life any easier for Democrats in northwestern Pennsylvania.

At one of Fetterman’s weekend stops in rural Clarion, voters there said they’ve been effectively ostracized by their community — and even family members, in some cases — for being Democrats.

One woman brings her political signs inside at night so they aren’t vandalized or stolen.

“You have to be careful around here,” said Barbara Speer, 68, a retired sixth grade teacher.

Nearby, Michelle’s Cafe on Clarion’s main street is one of the few gathering points for local Democrats.

A sign on the door proclaims support for Black Lives Matter, LGBTQ rights and other progressive priorities.

But the cafe owner, Kaitlyn Nevel, 33, isn’t comfortable sharing her political affiliation when asked.

“I would rather not say, just because it’s a small town,” she said.

Ukraine

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the diplomatic path for the sake of a peaceful settlement.”

There was no immediate response from the Kremlin.

Zelenskyy spoke hours after separatist leaders in eastern Ukraine ordered a full military mobilization on Saturday while Western leaders made increasingly dire warnings that a Russian invasion of its neighbor appeared imminent.

In new signs of fears that a war could start within days, Germany and Austria told their citizens to leave Ukraine. German air carrier Lufthansa canceled flights to the capital, Kyiv, and to Odessa, a Black Sea port that could be a key target in an invasion.

NATO’s liaison office in Kyiv said it was relocating staff to Brussels and to the western Ukraine city of Lviv. Meanwhile, top Ukrainian military officials came under a shelling attack during a tour of the front of the nearly eight-year separatist conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The officials fled to a bomb shelter before hustling from the area, according to an Associated Press journalist who was on the tour.

Violence in eastern Ukraine has spiked in recent days as Ukraine and the two regions held by the rebels each accused the other of escalation. Russia on Saturday said at least two shells fired from a government-held part of eastern Ukraine landed across the border, but Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba dismissed that claim as “a fake statement.”

The United States and many European countries have alleged for months that Russia, which has moved about 150,000 troops near the Ukrainian border, is trying to create pretexts to invade.

“They are uncoiling and are now poised to strike,” U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Saturday during a visit to Lithuania.

Earlier Saturday, Denis Pushilin, the head of the



A Ukrainian soldier looks at a hole from a shell that was fired Saturday in Novoluhanske, Ukraine. **OLEKSANDR RATUSHNIAK/AP**

pro-Russia separatist government in Ukraine’s Donetsk region, cited an “immediate threat of aggression” from Ukrainian forces in his announcement. Ukrainian officials vehemently denied having plans to take rebel-controlled areas by force.

“I appeal to all the men in the republic who can hold weapons to defend their families, their children, wives, mothers,” Pushilin said. “Together we will achieve the coveted victory that we all need.”

A similar statement followed from his counterpart in the Luhansk region.

Russia also conducted massive nuclear drills on Saturday. The Kremlin said Putin, who pledged to protect Russia’s national interests against what it sees as encroaching Western threats, was watching the drills together with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko from the situation room.

Notably, the planned exercise involves the Crimea-based Black Sea Fleet. Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula after seizing it from Ukraine in 2014.

Underscoring the West’s concerns of an imminent invasion, a U.S. defense official said an estimated 40% to 50% of the ground forces deployed in the vicinity of the Ukrainian border have moved into attack positions closer to the border.

The shift has been underway for about a week, other officials have said, and does not necessarily mean Putin

has decided to begin an invasion. The defense official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official also said the number of Russian ground units known as battalion tactical groups in the border area had grown to as many as 125, up from 83 two weeks ago. Each group has 750 to 1,000 soldiers.

Lines of communication between Moscow and the West remain open.

The American and Russian defense chiefs spoke Friday. French President Emmanuel Macron scheduled a phone call with Putin on Sunday. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov agreed to meet this week.

Ukraine’s military said two of its soldiers died in firing from the rebel side on Saturday.

By Saturday morning, the separatists in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, which form Ukraine’s industrial heartland known as the Donbas, said that thousands of residents of the rebel-controlled areas had been evacuated to Russia.

Russia has issued about 700,000 passports to residents of the rebel-held territories. Claims that Russian citizens are being endangered might be used as justification for military action.

Authorities in Russia’s Rostov region, which borders eastern Ukraine, declared a state of emergency because of the influx of evacuees.

Police clear truck protesters from Canada capital’s streets

By Rob Gillies
and Robert Bumsted
Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Hundreds of police in riot gear swept through the streets of Canada’s besieged capital Saturday, arresting or driving out protesters, towing away their trucks and retaking control of the streets in front of the country’s Parliament buildings.

With protesters in clear retreat under the increasing pressure of one of the largest police operations in Canada’s history, authorities’ hopes were rising for an end to the three-week protest against the country’s COVID-19 restrictions and the government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

By early Saturday afternoon, protesters were gone from the street in front of Parliament Hill, which had the heart of the protests. It had been occupied by protesters and their trucks since late last month.

“They are trying to push us all away,” said one protester, Jeremy Glass of Shelburne, Ontario, as authorities forced the crowds to move further from the Parliament buildings. “The main camp is seized now. We’re no longer in possession of it.”

Police said protesters remained “aggressive and assaultive” and that pepper spray had been used to protect officers. Authorities also said children had been brought right to the police lines, saying it was “putting the children at risk.”

Canadian authorities also announced they had used emergency powers to seize 76 bank accounts connected to protesters, totaling roughly \$2.5 million.

On Saturday, they also closed a bridge into the nation’s capital from Quebec to prevent a renewed influx of protesters.

Around midday, protest organizers said they had



A man steps out of his truck Saturday as police move in to clear downtown Ottawa near Parliament Hill of protesters. **COLE BURSTON / THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ordered truckers to move away from Parliament Hill, decrying the police’s actions as “abuses of power.”

“To move the trucks will require time,” organizers said in a statement. “We hope that (police) will show judicious restraint.”

Earlier, Ottawa police addressed the protesters in a tweet: “We told you to leave. We gave you time to leave. We were slow and methodical, yet you were assaultive and aggressive with officers and the horses. Based on your behavior, we are responding by including helmets and batons for our safety.”

Police said one protester launched a gas canister and was arrested as they advanced.

At least 47 people were arrested Saturday, police said. More than 100 were arrested Friday, mostly on mischief charges, and nearly two dozen vehicles had been towed, including all of those blocking one of the city’s major streets, authorities said. One officer had a minor injury, but no protesters were hurt, interim Ottawa Police Chief Steve Bell said.

Those arrested included four protest leaders. One received bail while the others remained jailed.

Tow truck operators wearing neon-green ski masks, with their companies’ decals taped over on their trucks to conceal their identities, arrived under police escort and started removing hundreds of big rigs, campers and other vehicles parked shoulder to shoulder near Parliament. Police smashed through the door of at least one camper before hauling it away.

The capital and its paralyzed streets represented the movement’s last stronghold after weeks of demonstrations and blockades that shut down border crossings into the U.S. and created one of the most serious tests yet for Trudeau. They also shook Canada’s reputation for civility, with some blaming America’s influence.

The Freedom Convoy demonstrations initially focused on Canada’s vaccine requirement for truckers entering the country but soon morphed into a broad attack on COVID-19 precautions and Trudeau’s government.

IS detainees target foreign nationals as clashes, threats rise

ROJ CAMP, Syria — It was night when Zakia Kachar heard the sounds of footsteps approach her tent in a detention camp for foreigners affiliated with Islamic State group extremists. With rocks in their hands, the wives of IS fighters had come for her.

She fled with her children to another area of the Roj Camp in northeast Syria. "They wanted to kill me," she said.

Earlier that day, the dual Serbian-German national had fought back in an altercation with a camp resident disapproving of her wearing makeup. The woman had bitten her, and Kachar slapped her in defense.

Such clashes between hard-line IS supporters and those who have fallen away from the group's extreme ideology are exacerbating security challenges for the U.S.-backed, Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, which runs Roj and other camps for IS detainees.

The SDF had spearheaded the fight against IS, driving the militants from their last sliver of territory in 2019. Three years later, tens of thousands of foreign IS supporters remain in SDF-run camps and detention centers, with their home countries largely unwilling to repatriate them. The foreigners had come to Syria from around the world, some with their children in tow, to join Islamic State's so-called caliphate.

The SDF now points to the lockups — crammed with restless detainees, some with a history of violence — as a chief source of instability across the region they control.

A deadly prison attack in the Gweiran neighborhood



Tension is climbing between hard-line IS supporters and foreign nationals at the Roj detention camp in northeast Syria. **BADERKHAN AHMAD/AP**

in the town of Hassakeh last month sharpened the focus on the foreigners' uncertain futures and the limits of their Kurdish captors to supervise them. The assault killed 121 security personnel and took authorities nearly two weeks to contain.

Stretched thin amid an economic crisis and rising threats from IS sleeper cells, the Kurdish-led administration is renewing calls for countries to repatriate their citizens.

"We are struggling," said Mazloun Abdi, the region's top security chief and commander of the SDF.

In Roj camp, home to some 2,500 women and children, a tune popular among youth in North America resonates.

For a few minutes, the melody cuts through the din of daily life, overpowering the sounds of U.N.-emblazoned tents flapping in the wind and children playing.

The music—a soulful song called “Later” by Somali-Canadian singer A’maal Nuux — came from the tent of Hoda Muthana, an Alabama native whose Supreme Court appeal to return to the U.S. with her 4-year-old child was denied last month. The lyrics describe the sisterhood of women on a long commute to visit their partners serving time in prison.

Her neighbor is Shamima Begum, a British-born woman stripped of her U.K. citizenship in a case that drew international attention and raised questions about the moral responsibilities of countries toward IS members.

Their days are marked by monotony.

Mothers cook, clean and wait for word on their repatriation appeals.

Several women in the camp in Hassakeh province removed the black garb of IS

wives, instead wearing jeans, baseball caps and makeup forbidden during IS's brutal rule. They are kept separate from their hard-line neighbors who frequently attack them.

Tents, made of flammable cotton canvas, have been burned down to sow chaos.

Neither Serbia nor Germany has given Kachar any indication they would be willing to repatriate her or her five children, ages 6 to 16.

Kurdish authorities said up to 200 security personnel have been added to maintain Roj Camp since the Gweiran prison attack.

“Our security forces are present, but the problem is the ideology of some of the women,” said one official in Roj.

It is al-Hol Camp, many times larger than Roj with 56,000 refugees and displaced people, where security is the most dire and

humanitarian needs most acute. There is no law and order and women there have been killed just for removing their niqab, the veil worn by conservative Muslim women, security officials said.

Most, though not all, non-Arab foreigners are housed in an annex of al-Hol. The U.N. says there are 8,213, of whom two-thirds are minors. Another 30,000 are Iraqi nationals.

Kurdish security officials and non-governmental organizations present in the camp said security began deteriorating in March 2021 with targeted killings of camp community leaders.

Many reported increased cases of extortion, blackmail and death threats toward security and NGO workers.

Kurdish authorities say the camp is a breeding ground for IS, with active sleeper cells. Aid workers attributed the growing crim-

inal activity to desperation arising from widespread poverty, stigma and limited freedom of movement.

Recent violence spurred by the smuggling of weapons and other illicit activity has also raised questions over the complicity of SDF authorities.

Abdi acknowledged there were some incidents of corruption. "Some trucks, for example, are supposed to be water trucks, but they are smuggling out human beings. And of course, if they can take out humans, they can bring in weapons," he said.

To decrease the pressure on al-Hol, at least 300 families were recently transferred to Roj Camp. Another 150 families are expected this year.

"It has caused us more issues because these women are encouraging others to be radical like them," the Roj camp official said.

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WORLD & NATION

British officer breaks a barrier to South Pole

As a woman of color, captain carves out a spot in polar history

By Aina J. Khan
The New York Times

Isolation has been forced on so many during the coronavirus pandemic. But for Harpreet “Preet” Chandi, a captain in the British army, it was a choice on the way to a bigger goal.

On Jan. 3, after a journey that involved traveling alone for 40 days over 700 miles of snow and ice, Chandi etched her name into polar history, apparently becoming the first woman of color to travel unaided and unaccompanied to the South Pole.

There are no official records of attempts made to travel to the South Pole. But Chandi, 32, was widely reported in the British media to be the first woman of color to complete the expedition alone and unassisted.

As much as the expedition was a challenge to test her physical and mental resilience, for Chandi, it was also a way to reclaim her Indian Punjabi heritage, which she said she grew ashamed of in her teenage years.

“I wasn’t the image that people expected to see,” Chandi said. “I was told, ‘You don’t really look like a polar explorer.’ Then let’s change that image.”

She joins the likes of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, whose expedition was the first to reach the South Pole in 1911, and Liv Arnesen, another Norwegian, who in 1994 became the first woman to complete a solo South Pole trip.

Chandi started her expedition Nov. 24 at Hercules Inlet, about 10,000 miles, as the crow flies, from her home in Derby, England.

Most days she averaged 11 hours of skiing but sometimes kept it up for almost 20 hours, enduring temperatures that got down to minus 58 degrees and roaring polar winds of up to 60 mph.

Chandi hauled a pulk — a



Harpreet “Preet” Chandi, a 32-year-old captain in the British army, at the end of her Antarctic journey in January. **PREET CHANDI**

Nordic sled — named after her niece Simran and laden with almost 200 pounds of equipment, including freeze-dried meals. Her sustenance consisted of an assortment of high-energy foods, including nuts, chocolate, cheese and salami, which she packed in Punta Arenas, Chile, before setting off for Antarctica.

As an avid hiker who had run several marathons — including the 140-mile Marathon des Sables through the Sahara in Morocco, one of the world’s most difficult races — Chandi knew some things about endurance.

But she knew nothing of Antarctica when she started preparing for her expedition three years ago.

“I literally started researching on Google: ‘What do I do? Do I run? What kind of thing do I even do to move out there?’” she said, speaking from Antarctica last month on her satellite phone.

Chandi said that before

her expedition, some people who commented online did not seem to understand how her race was a significant part of her effort to reach the South Pole.

“‘Army officer’ is written everywhere; that’s acceptable for people. If I’m described as a ‘woman,’ that’s acceptable for people,” she said. “But as soon as the color of my skin is mentioned, all of a sudden, a lot of people have an issue.

“I probably wouldn’t have even used the term ‘woman of color’ just over six months ago, just because I was worried about how people may perceive it,” Chandi added. “Representation does matter. The color of my skin is important; it’s a part of me.”

Chandi was born in Derby, in northern England, and her competitive spirit surfaced early in her teens, when she spent several years playing tennis at academies in Britain and the Czech Republic.

But her experience was

tainted by feelings of otherness.

She said an episode at one tournament during which she and another competitor, who was Black, were spat at was indicative of the racism that rippled through her youth. “For a long time, I can’t really remember enjoying it,” she said of her tennis training.

At 19, Chandi returned to Britain.

A chance encounter with members of the military in her local city center led her to join the British Army Reserves.

“I didn’t tell my family I had joined, because for somebody from my background, in my community, it wasn’t the normal thing to do,” she said. At this time, she also went to college to be a physiotherapist.

Chandi eventually chose a military career. Over the years, her duties took her to Kenya, Nepal and South Sudan, where camping outdoors became part of her training.

Her first ultramarathon in her 20s, in England’s Peak District, prompted an insatiable desire for challenge. In a moment of serendipity, Chandi’s old boss mentioned that she could embark on an expedition to Antarctica.

“Once it was in my head, that was it,” she said.

With no polar experience, Chandi quickly catapulted herself into training, beginning in Norway in March 2020. Greenland, a location many had described to her as “the university of polar travel,” became her next training ground that December.

Last August, when coronavirus travel restrictions had eased, she headed to Langjökull glacier in western Iceland.

But with the pandemic stifling travel, Chandi’s ability to train abroad was limited.

“The key focus of her training was dragging tires around Derby, which most polar explorers wouldn’t

class as the best place to train to go to the Antarctic,” said her commanding officer, Lt. Col. Gareth Hattersley. “But that’s what she ended up doing, to great success.”

Chandi spent her life savings to finance her 27-day training expedition to Greenland, which concluded with an expensive emergency extraction by helicopter after she and her guide were caught in a storm. She had to raise roughly \$109,000 from corporate sponsors to fund her expedition.

During her trek, Antarctica was in 24 hours of daylight, so Chandi slept in her tent with her hat over her eyes. Perhaps surprisingly, her journey was never over level ground.

“It’s all uphill to get to the South Pole,” she said.

Apart from Chandi’s GPS navigation system, the only sign she was anywhere near her final destination was a weather station she passed.

Chandi used a satellite phone to send photos and text to her partner and sister-in-law. They then posted them to her more than 40,000 Instagram followers.

Throughout her Antarctic journey, she listened to audiobooks by writers who shared her heritage.

“It felt like I was spreading their voices in places they maybe haven’t been heard,” she said.

As she covered the last few miles to the pole, exhausted and now coughing, Chandi said she began hallucinating. But the most difficult part of the journey, she said, was hauling her heavy load over sastrugi — wavelike speed bumps of snow and ice that can extend for miles.

Upon reaching the geographic South Pole, Chandi celebrated by drinking a Coke.

“I remember thinking to myself, ‘It was worth it, all that hardship,’” she said. “The fact that I’m here, a Punjabi girl from Derby, it’s just incredible.”

WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

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Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	↕	92.66	82.82	-1.30	-1.5	▼	▼	-9.0	2.9	▢▢▢▢	10.5	24 3.1	Terex Corp	TEX	37.78	↕	55.60	41.68	-0.86	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	-5.2	8.1	▢▢▢▢	6.7	16 1.2	
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	51.62	↕	83.08	77.36	-2.85	-3.6	▲	▲	26.4	54.7	▢▢▢▢	3.1	...	Tesla Inc	TSLA	539.49	↕	1243.49	856.98	-3.02	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	-18.9	9.8	▢▢▢▢	74.3	>99 ...	
Ford Motor	F	11.13	↕	25.87	18.04	0.49	2.8	▼	▼	-13.1	54.5	▢▢▢▢	9.4	21 2.2	Travelers Cos	TRV	144.44	↕	174.55	170.63	-1.13	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	9.1	17.3	▢▢▢▢	8.9	12 2.1	
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	39.45	↕	46.20	43.02	0.22	0.5	▲	▲	3.1	27.6	▢▢▢▢	24.2	16 0.7	Uber Technologies	UBER	32.81	↕	61.50	34.68	-0.61	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	-17.3	-41.3	▢▢▢▢	0.0	...	
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	↕	26.64	5.01	0.37	8.0	▲	▲	-3.7	-76.2	▢▢▢▢	-22.8	...	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	320.35	↕	509.23	467.81	-10.32	-2.2	▲	▲	▲	-6.8	45.6	▢▢▢▢	25.5	29 1.2	
Gen Dynamics	GD	161.57	↕	216.21	215.82	2.06	1.0	▲	▲	3.5	33.2	▢▢▢▢	4.4	19 2.2	Virtus Invest	VRTS	226.38	↕	338.80	252.43	-3.81	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	-15.0	...	▢▢▢▢	19.0	17 2.4	
Gen Electric	GE	88.05	↕	116.17	92.69	-4.14	-4.3	▼	▼	-1.9	4.1	▢▢▢▢	-14.1	...	Voya Financial	VOYA	54.97	↕	74.97	69.08	-1.31	-1.9	▼	▲	▲	4.2	24.7	▢▢▢▢	11.1	...	
Hartford Fn Svl	HIG	48.60	↕	78.17	70.53	-1.01	-1.4	▲	▲	2.2	43.8	▢▢▢▢	9.6	12 2.2	Webster Financial	WBS	45.60	↕	65.00	59.70	-1.52	-2.5	▼	▲	▲	6.9	21.9	▢▢▢▢	3.8	15 2.7	
Honeywell Intl	HON	184.30	↕	236.86	182.13	-4.86	-2.6	▼	▼	-12.7	-6.7	▢▢▢▢	11.0	26 2.2	White Mtns Insur	WTM	978.51	↕	1267.52	1037.12	-18.42	-1.7	▲	▲	▲	2.3	-11.6	▢▢▢▢	22.8	18 0.1	
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.58	↕	19.08	15.89	0.32	2.1	▲	▲	-0.2	15.8	▢▢▢▢	13.7	11 7.6	World Wrestling Ent	WWE	45.90	↕	70.72	58.55	2.85	5.1	▲	▲	▲	18.7	24.5	▢▢▢▢	22.5	37 0.8	
Infosys Ltd	INFY	16.94	↕	26.39	22.51	0.24	1.1	▼	▼	-11.1	29.7	▢▢▢▢	26.5	35 ...	XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	61.63	↕	90.78	71.48	4.77	7.2	▲	▲	▲	-7.7	2.5	▢▢▢▢	19.9	27 ...	
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	3.21	↕	15.41	3.18	-0.14	-4.2	▼	▼	-36.3	-78.9	▢▢▢▢	-14.2	...	Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.59	↕	26.96	21.82	0.59	2.8	▲	▲	▲	-3.6	-1.6	▢▢▢▢	-2.0	25 4.6	
Intel Corp	INTC	46.30	↕	68.49	45.04	-2.59	-5.4	▼	▼	-12.5	-20.8	▢▢▢▢	8.1	9 3.2	Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	↕	5.44	4.91	0.51	11.6	▲	▲	▲	16.4	8.0	▢▢▢▢	9.8	29 2.4	

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15 year fixed mortgage		3.44	3.34	Savings interest		0.23 0.23		
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52-week T-Bill		0.99	-0.08	▲	▲	0.93	1.10	0.04
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7-year T-Note		1.90	-0.02	▲	▲	0.96	2.03	0.94
10-year T-Note		1.92	-0.02	▲	▲	0.64	2.04	1.17
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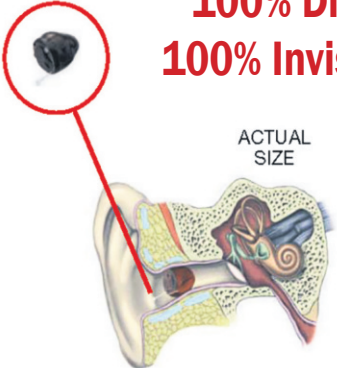
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New York Times Crossword

CHANGE OF HEART

BY DAVID STEINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

David Steinberg, of Pacific Grove, Calif., is the puzzles and games editor for the Andrews McMeel Universal media company. The Universal Crossword, which he edits, appears in many newspapers, including The Seattle Times, The Boston Globe and The Philadelphia Inquirer. David's first crossword for The Times appeared in 2011, when he was 14. This is his 101st for the paper. — W.S.

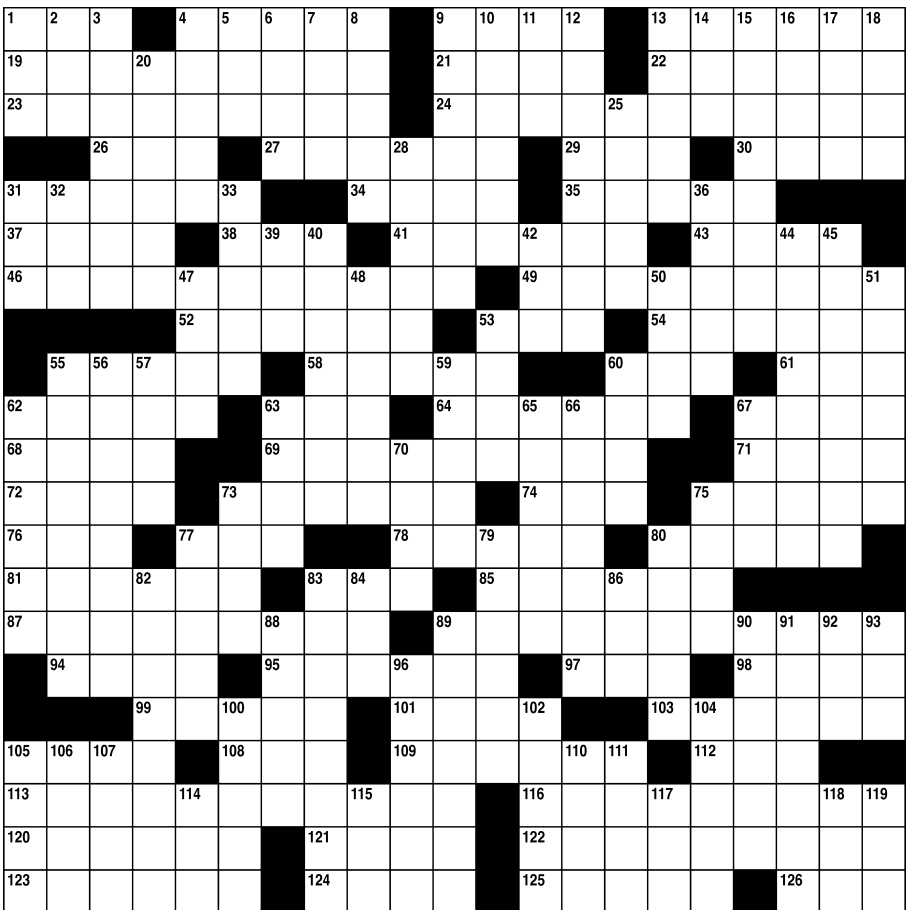
Note: The middle letter of the answer to each starred clue can be replaced by a different letter to form two new words across and down. Read the new letters, in order, for a bonus.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bank offerings, in brief
- 4 Twists
- 9 Losing roll at dice
- 13 In itself
- 19 Piece played with four hands
- 21 Tart sorbet flavor
- 22 Kind of bed
- 23 *Opposite of endearing
- 24 *Freely expressive
- 26 Winter eaves dropper
- 27 Some attacks on castles
- 29 Dia de _____
- 31 12-year-olds, e.g.
- 34 Ballerina's bend
- 35 App whose icon features a camera, in slang
- 37 Aimee with two Grammys
- 38 Plank targets
- 41 Only trisyllabic rainbow color
- 43 Ferrari of automotive fame
- 46 *Communicating (with)
- 49 *Contracting
- 52 Acceptance principle of improv comedy
- 53 2-year-old, e.g.
- 54 What may connect the parts of a school assignment?
- 55 "Who ____?"
- 58 Relative of an alpaca

- 60 "A Christmas Carol" cry
- 61 Dress in
- 62 Things people catch and then ride
- 63 Fifth sign
- 64 Actress Hepburn
- 67 Poke
- 68 Nickname in baseball and gossip columns
- 69 "Harsh language
- 71 Up
- 72 Loses firmness
- 73 Country with the most archaeological museums in the world (110+)
- 74 Brand seen at speedways
- 75 Cut off
- 76 French menu phrase
- 77 Sushi chef's eggs
- 78 Uncle for whom an annual award is supposedly named
- 80 Not so many
- 81 When nothing goes right
- 83 Dutch name starter
- 85 Frank Robinson or Brooks Robinson of the Baseball Hall of Fame
- 87 *Watered artificially
- 89 *Goes well with
- 94 Turn in a game
- 95 Canine coat
- 97 Instant, informally
- 98 Island with a trisyllabic name
- 99 Sat around
- 101 In the thick of
- 103 Ending remark that's surprising
- 105 Starting point
- 108 Suffix with labyrinth
- 109 Czar known as "the Great"
- 112 Once called
- 113 *Noisy
- 116 *Ordered

- 120 Service with a Capitol Corridor route
- 121 Promote aggressively
- 122 Without accompaniment
- 123 Crows
- 124 Ones in hills or farms
- 125 Luxury vessel
- 126 The dark side
- DOWN**
- 1 Brains of a tech start-up?
- 2 Racket
- 3 Noticeable
- 4 Roused from a nap
- 5 Neighbor of Nev.
- 6 Barely usable pencils
- 7 _____ sandwich
- 8 Like some roller coaster drops
- 9 Task for a crossword constructor
- 10 Washed quickly
- 11 Bon _____
- 12 Instrument used in a medical checkup
- 13 Out of whack
- 14 Vessel with a hatch, informally
- 15 The "teardrop of India"
- 16 Not exceeding
- 17 "Dark Lady" hitmaker, 1974
- 18 _____ Park, N.Y.
- 20 Christianity's _____ Creed
- 25 Word with code or card
- 28 Good witch in Oz
- 31 "That's enough about your sex life!"
- 32 Pallid
- 33 Some have combinations
- 36 Like J, alphabetically
- 39 English majors' degs.
- 40 Having three unequal sides
- 42 Equal: Prefix
- 44 Outmoded storage device

- 45 Witness
- 47 Some breads
- 48 Smitten
- 50 British exclamation
- 51 One of three for German nouns, or one of four for those in Africa's Zande language
- 53 Like a tug-of-war rope
- 55 One may go off in the middle of the night
- 56 Scientist whose name is associated with a number
- 57 Wine list section
- 59 Heavy medieval weapons
- 60 Robot sound
- 62 Hot condiment
- 63 Italian bread that's no longer made
- 65 Comply with a peace treaty, maybe
- 66 Some camping excursions
- 67 "I'm relieved!"
- 70 H.S. subject
- 73 "La Tauromaquia" artist
- 75 Come off as
- 77 Went ballistic
- 79 "Easy there!"
- 80 Small particle
- 82 Binder inserts with tabs
- 83 Literally, "revenge"
- 84 Org. that evaluates toothbrushes
- 86 Good cheer
- 88 Singer _____
- 89 Joins firmly
- 90 Epoch when palm trees grew in Alaska
- 91 In an obvious way
- 92 All-time connector
- 93 Big _____
- 96 Plan in detail
- 100 Puppy "kisses"
- 102 Rot

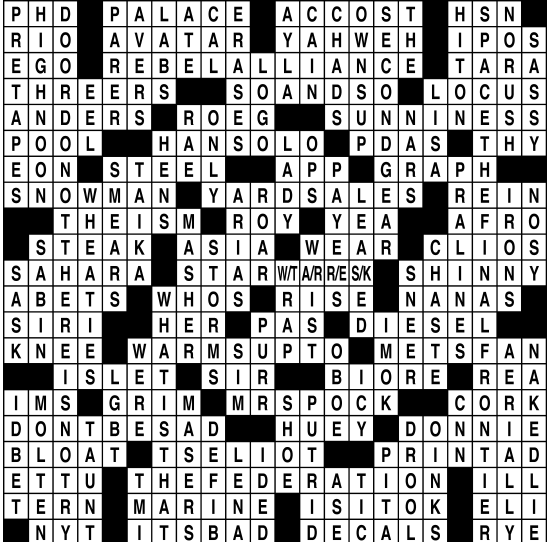


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- 104 Ill suited
- 105 9-5 automaker, once
- 106 Muppet who refers to himself in the third person
- 107 "At Last" singer
- 110 Almond _____ (toffee brand)
- 111 Computer with a Pro model
- 114 Ship pest
- 115 H- or I-
- 117 A ticket may be given for a high one: Abbr.
- 118 Man's name derived from the Bible
- 119 Man's name derived from the Bible

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Jobs program aims to fill growing need

As many as 8,000 prospective employees will be trained in health care, information technology

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is launching a job-training program to connect 8,000 prospective employees to jobs in health care and information technology.

Supported by a grant from Bank of America, the state Office of Workforce Strategy and Social Venture Partners Connecticut, a management consulting firm,

are hiring two workforce strategy directors to help roll out the job training program, Career ConneCT.

Gov. Ned Lamont's office and the Office of Workforce Strategy did not immediately respond to an email Friday asking how much Bank of America is spending on the initiative.

CareerConneCT is working with other programs to help increase Connecticut's health care

and IT workforce by more than 2,500 employees each over the next three years.

"Especially given the pandemic, Connecticut needs to make sure that our health care and IT workforces are fully operational and meeting the growing needs of our local economy," Lamont said.

The governor announced last month the state will receive more than \$60 million in federal pandemic relief.

As many as 8,000 workers will be trained, with the state spending \$14 million each to manufacturing, health care and information

technology; \$10 million to infrastructure and green jobs; and about \$9 million to other industries.

The two workforce strategy directors will help coordinate workforce development initiatives such as more flexible job-training programs tied to industry requirements, designing career pathway programs for high school students, expanding recruitment of marginalized populations for job opportunities and increasing business engagement in regional partnerships.

Lamont in 2019 established

an advisory group that submitted a report the following year recommending strategies to match skilled workers with jobs in manufacturing, health care and information technology. The group also turned its attention to social problems that trap low-wage workers.

The governor said last month his workforce development plans were hit by "immediate short-term COVID-related interruptions."

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Hartford schools extend mask rule

District will keep mandate in place until at least April 1

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Hartford Public Schools will keep its mask requirement in place until at least April 1, Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez announced Thursday evening.

Masks are currently required for all students, staff, parents and other visitors while inside district buildings.

On Tuesday, the state Department of Public Health and Department of Education said they would soon issue updated guidance on how schools should manage COVID-19 safely in the absence of a statewide mask mandate, which is set to expire Feb. 28.

Extending the mandate in Hartford "will give us enough time to, once we get the guidance, really think about ... any shifts that we might need to make for a smooth transition for students, families and for staff," Torres-Rodriguez said at a virtual town hall.

"In the next six weeks, as we have done since the beginning of the pandemic, we will continue to partner with local and state health experts as we monitor the local health conditions."

Hartford joins Bridgeport and New Haven among cities that have indicated that their mask mandates for schools will remain in place beyond Feb. 28. Bridgeport's requirement was extended through March 31, while New Haven's indoor mask mandate also applies to schools.

Dr. Juan Salazar, physician-in-chief at Connecticut Children's, said it makes sense to extend the mandate in Hartford schools given "low vaccination rates in the younger population, still-high transmission rates, high positivity rates."

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Curt Cameron opened Thomas Hooker Live in October, thinking the worst of the pandemic was over. Then omicron hit. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

The hits keep coming

After omicron put recovery on pause, downtown desperate for return to normalcy

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Many Hartford restaurants have sat empty or nearly empty for months since the omicron variant slammed the brakes on the post-pandemic recovery that the dining industry craves. The variant's chilling effect is especially felt at downtown restaurants and venues whose revenues depend on corporate clientele.

And although the opening of new restaurants during this dismal era is seen as a ray of hope, one of the city's newest dining establishments is also feeling the pinch: Thomas Hooker Live, the third venue for Hooker Brewing Company.

Thomas Hooker Brewing President Curt Cameron opened Thomas Hooker Live — a renovated factory space at 1 Sequassen St., in Hartford, that is a taproom, comedy club and function venue that offers a light food menu — in late October. At the time, he believed his timing

was perfect, because "we thought we were done with the virus," he says.

November and December were lively with private events and corporate functions. "We were firing on all cylinders. But that was short-lived," he said. "The omicron

really put the hurt on us."

Since the variant bore down, Hooker Live hasn't hosted any private parties and Cameron has vastly scaled back bookings.

"Some acts cost a thousand dollars. Sometimes the shows only bring in five people," he said. "It's not worth it."

He has kept revenue coming in with monthly events that have drawn dozens of people to each event. But it's not enough, and it's been tough.

Downtown corporate culture vanished in March 2020. Its full return is still up in the air, and it is unclear whether the downtown corporate presence ever will be restored to what it was pre-pandemic.

Other restaurants are feeling the loss of this essential revenue source. Last fall, Carbone's, the 84-year-old restaurant and political

hangout, closed. Vinnie Carbone, the fourth generation in his family to run Carbone's, said he hopes the closure is temporary.

"We're just waiting for things to flow in whatever direction they flow toward us making a decision," he said in December. "We at least need 50% corporate return before we can begin making decisions."

Last year, Hooker shut down its Colt Building taproom for a while, but kept its Bloomfield location going. Cameron doesn't want to shut down any venues again.

"We've kept all locations running, but we've been running at a loss," Cameron said.

At the same time, Carbone is running his locations in Rocky Hill and Bloomfield. Both men said running a suburban restaurant, whose business is not as dependent

Turn to Recovery, Page 2

A spot on the red carpet

Glastonbury jewelers selected to be part of Oscars gift boutique

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Christina Baribault-Ortiz and Raeann Baribault Schwartz's new Power to B line of bracelets with empowering slogans will be draped around the wrists of top celebrities when the jewelry-designing sisters go to Hollywood next month as part of an exclusive "gifting suite" open before the Academy Awards.

The boutique, run by GBK Brand Bar, will be inside the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, where many of the Academy Award attendees stay.

Christina and Raeann plan to give out 100 Power to B bracelets at the event, where they



Sisters Christina Baribault-Ortiz, left, and Raeann Baribault Schwartz are the creators of the Power to B jewelry line. POWER TO B/COURTESY

say they will be the "exclusive jeweler."

The bracelets have great emotional importance for Christina and Raeann, who are not just sisters and business partners but neighbors and

close friends.

The Power to B was inspired by the sisters' struggles to have children. One way they chose to face their infertility concerns

Turn to Jewelry, Page 2

Solar reform efforts likely in legislature

But as session begins, they already face hurdles

By Jan Ellen Spiegel
CT Mirror

John Elsesser has big plans for solar power in Coventry where he's been town manager since 1988.

The roofs of all five schools in town are covered with panels acquired in 2015 through the state's ratepayer-funded commercial solar program. There are panels on town hall and at the fire and police stations. But the panels on the schools didn't provide enough power to cover the full electric loads. So three years ago Coventry applied for more.

Those panels would go at the high school on a stadium and as a solar canopy over a parking area like the kind the town already has over its police cars.

Three years later, Coventry is still waiting. Not for the solar

panels. Coventry hasn't even gotten that far. They're just waiting to be considered — as are 70 other municipalities, state owned facilities and agriculture sector operations that are eligible for the state program Coventry applied to, known as Virtual Net Metering.

They're all in the queue. They don't even know where.

"They won't tell you," Elsesser said.

Net metering is a longstanding way to compensate solar owners for excess power they put into the grid during certain times of the day. Virtual net metering is a way to credit that power to structures that are not connected directly to the system itself. Coventry has to use VNM because the new panels it wants to install would credit power to a number of school

Turn to Solar, Page 3

After \$73M victory, Sandy Hook families zero in on gun marketing

Focus shifts to ending ads that appeal to young men’s insecurities

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

HARTFORD — After agreeing to a \$73 million lawsuit settlement with gun-maker Remington, the families of nine Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims say they are shifting their focus to ending firearms advertising with macho, military themes that exploit young men’s insecurities, all in the hopes of preventing more mass shootings.

The families say Remington used those kinds of ads to promote its AR-15-style rifles like the one used to kill 20 young children and six educators inside the Newtown school on Dec. 14, 2012.

Remington’s marketing strategies are expected to be unveiled when the families’ lawyers publicly release thousands of internal company documents obtained during the lawsuit. Lawyers for Remington and its insurers agreed to the disclosure as part of the settlement announced Tuesday.

“This is a case about creating change,” Nicole Hockley, whose 6-year-old son, Dylan, was killed in the shooting, said in an interview after the settlement was announced. “Right now, I’m only waiting really to have access to the documents and to figure out how to use that to help drive safety and better practices for the sales and marketing.”

Hockley, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, has been working with other victims’ relatives to stem gun violence through the Sandy Hook Promise organization.

The records could provide one of the most detailed looks yet at the push by firearms manufacturers to popularize AR-15s and similar rifles, gun industry watchers say, especially after a 10-year federal ban on such weapons expired in 2004.

Hockley and outside observers have compared the case to those that led tobacco companies to

disclose damaging internal documents and later agree to billions of dollars in settlements over sickened smokers.

It’s not clear when the families’ lawyers will release the documents. A lawyer for the families, Joshua Koskoff, said the records are being organized for public consumption, a process expected to take weeks.

The documents include emails between employees, internal company presentations and business projections, Koskoff said. He declined to discuss the contents of the records.

“The information that may come out ... there may be features of the way that the gun industry does business that are not either widely known or not widely appreciated,” said Timothy D. Lytton, a law professor at Georgia State University. “This is going to shine a spotlight on the industry’s role in the issue of the problem of gun violence.”

Lawyers for Remington and its insurers did not return messages seeking comment. Remington, founded in 1816 and based in Madison, North Carolina, went bankrupt a second time in 2020, and its assets were later sold at auction to several other companies. Two new companies were created, Remington Firearms and Remington Ammunition.

A message seeking comment was left for Remington Firearms, which announced in November that it will establish headquarters in LaGrange, Georgia. A spokesperson for Remington Ammunition owner Vista Outdoor, based in Anoka, Minnesota, said the settlement involved the former Remington Outdoor Co., not Vista Outdoor or Remington Ammunition.

At the news conference announcing the settlement, Koskoff showed Remington ads that he said appealed to troubled youths like Adam Lanza, the 20-year-old who carried out the Sandy Hook shooting. Lanza used a Remington-made Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle that was legally owned by his mother. He killed his mother in their Newtown home

before going to the school.

The ads contained messages including “Consider Your Man Card Reissued” and “Clear the Room, Cover the Rooftop, Rescue the Hostage.”

Koskoff said Remington targeted younger, at-risk males in advertising and product placement in violent video games. The lawsuit said the company’s advertising played a role in the school shooting, but did not elaborate.

Lanza had severe and deteriorating mental health problems, which combined with his preoccupation with violence and access to his mother’s weapons “proved a recipe for mass murder,” a report by Connecticut’s child advocate said.

From the 10th grade, Lanza’s mother kept him at home, where he was surrounded by an arsenal of firearms and spent long hours playing violent video games, the report said. His medical and school records included references to diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder, anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, although psychiatrists say those conditions are not indicative of future violence.

Robert Spitzer, a political science professor at the State University of New York at Cortland and the author of five books on gun policy, said the case will lead gun manufacturers to consider their marketing carefully. Spitzer, a member of both the National Rifle Association and the Brady gun control advocacy group, said his chief goal is to study all sides of the gun debate.

Spitzer said the Remington case presents a clear warning “to other gun companies that manufacture assault-type weapons to avoid pumping up or emphasizing the military history, the sort of Rambo-like qualities of the weapon. They would be insane to continue to market these weapons by emphasizing those values because they would obviously open themselves up to similar lawsuits.”

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a gun industry

group that happens to be based in Newtown, said the Sandy Hook families never produced evidence that Remington’s advertising had any effect on Lanza. The foundation estimates there have been more than 20 million AR-15-style rifles sold in the U.S. and asserts that few are used in crimes.

According to the latest FBI crimes statistics, of the 13,600 firearms used in homicides in 2020, about 450 were rifles; more than 8,000 handguns were used.

AR-15-style rifles, however, have been used in many notable mass shootings, including Sandy Hook, the 2017 Las Vegas massacre that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds, and the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that killed 14 students and three staff members.

Remington’s marketing of its AR-15-style rifles before the Sandy Hook shooting contributed to surging sales of the weapon nationwide, Koskoff said. In the mid- to late 2000s, he said, only about 100,000 AR-15s were sold annually in the U.S. But by 2012, the number had skyrocketed to more than 2 million, he said.

He and the Sandy Hook families blamed a private equity firm, Cerberus Capital Management, which bought Remington in 2007, for being more concerned about profits than safety in seeking increased rifle sales. A message seeking comment was left for the firm.

Cerberus, as Remington’s owner, was responsible for shifting a lot of the company’s focus from traditional hunting rifles to AR-15-style rifles and for the resulting marketing campaigns, Koskoff said.

“They were using tactics of fear and toxic masculinity and appearing more powerful, and their documents talk about their target audience as military wannabes,” Hockley said. “It’s not saying that this (the settlement) is going to stop firearm manufacturers in any way. This is about being responsible in your marketing.”

Man accused of defrauding NESN \$575K

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

A Burlington man was indicted by a federal grand jury this past week on charges he created a fake business to defraud New England Sports Network, his former employer, of \$575,000, the Department of Justice reports.

Ariel Legassa, 49, was vice president of digital at NESN. The fraud allegedly occurred from December 2020 to January 2022, the DOJ reports.

According to charging documents, Legassa negotiated a legitimate contract, through a company in New York, to do web development for NESN.

After that, the documents state, he created a fictitious business in Connecticut with a name similar to the New York company and used that fictitious business to get payments from NESN as well.

The Department of Justice alleges that legitimate invoices were presented to NESN from the New York company. At the same time, the DOJ alleges, Legassa submitted fake invoices from the Connecticut company. It is alleged that NESN paid a total of \$575,000 of the fake invoices.

Legassa spent some of the Connecticut funds on personal expenses and transferred the rest into other accounts, the complaint alleges.

Legassa was arrested on Feb. 2. He is charged with seven counts of mail fraud and three counts of unlawful monetary transactions.

The mail fraud charge carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and three years of supervised release, if convicted. It also carries a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense, whichever is greater, if convicted. The unlawful monetary transactions charge carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison and three years of supervised release. It also carries a fine of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss.

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Jewelry

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was with positivity and empowerment messages.

“We mostly used Post-Its,” Raeann says. “Then we said, ‘Let’s put it on a bracelet and see.’”

“These are visible reminders, words of affirmation. It was most important when Christina and I were both going through our fertility struggles. We made sure we wore ‘Fearless.’”

They researched the most powerful messages and colors, and came up with B Strong, B Fearless, B Limitless, B Fierce and B Badass. The messages are attached to “bolo cords in colors of empowerment,” Raeann says, and retail for just \$58 apiece.

So far B Strong is the No. 1 best-seller, with B Fierce in second place. “B Badass is a good choice for young entrepreneurs,” Raeann says. “‘Fearless is for the mom facing the world.’”

Some pieces are on display at Baribault Jewelers in Glastonbury, run by the sisters’ family for three generations. Special red and

pink color cords were debuted this past week for Valentine’s Day at the Baribault Jewelers location. But some other items won’t be on sale on the line’s website thepowertob.com until after the Academy Awards event.

The Power to B was established separately from Baribault Jewelers and is already being expanded into other lifestyle products such as candles.

“We want Power to B to be more national,” Raeann says, “so it makes sense for us to be mainly online.”

The \$58 price point was important, Raeann says. “We wanted the bracelets to be affordable. We wanted to capture that college student who’s anxious about taking an exam. It also means you can have several power words, and switch the color cords on them.”

There are also more expensive 14k gold and diamond versions of the bracelets, with gold or silver chains, available to order on the website.

“I wear mine every day,” Christina says.

“Me, too,” says Raeann.

The Power to B got the pre-Oscars nod through some networking

and presentations. “You present your brand and if selected, you get to be one of the brands in the gifting boutiques,” Christina says.

Now, “the next month will be crazy,” Raeann says. “We’re in planning mode. We set up a mock boutique in our office. We’re ordering lounge furniture and shipping it to L.A. We’re arranging for our children and our husbands while we’re away.” Their father, Lewis Baribault Jr., who has been in the jewelry business for 50 years, will accompany them to Hollywood.

The sisters are looking forward to meeting Oscar nominees and helping the stars choose the right words and colors.

“To us,” Raeann, says, “celebrities are just people. We spread joy to them and empower them.”

To which Christina adds, “If I can uplift and empower one person today ...”

They’ve attended plenty of trade shows, but this is a new league.

“This is our first time doing anything like this,” Raeann says. “I think I’ll wear ‘B Fierce’ that day.”

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An assortment of 14k gold Power to B bracelets. So far B Strong is the No. 1 seller, with B Fierce in second place. **COURTESY PHOTO**

Masks

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Nationwide, vaccination rates among children between the ages of 5 and 11 lag behind other age groups. As of Feb. 11, just 19% of Hartford students in that cohort have received at least one dose compared to 45% of students 12 and up, Torres-Rodriguez said.

Though younger children face lower risk of severe illness or death, Torres-Rodriguez noted the number of students who live in multigenerational homes and could transmit the virus to someone who is at risk.

There have been 2,290 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hartford schools so far this school year, according to district data, the bulk of which occurred between the end of December and mid-January as the highly transmissibly omicron variant tore through communities around the country.

New cases in Hartford schools, as across the state, are now in decline. Salazar said there are currently an estimated 5,700 new cases statewide each day, but modeling projects new estimated cases to drop to just over 1,000 each day by the end of May (estimated new cases include those not tested).

In the U.S., there were about

299,000 new child COVID-19 cases added in the past week, according to data from the American Academy of Pediatrics — down from more than a million at one point in January, but still more than last spring.

“What this tells me is that, while we’re going in the right direction, children are still getting infected at a large number, and this should guide your policies,” Salazar said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend universal indoor masking for students; the World Health Organization recommends masks for students 12 and older, and in select cases for younger children.

Hartford Public Schools is continuing with its other mitigation strategies, including 3-foot distancing in classrooms, a five-day quarantine period for positive students and staff and air filtration upgrades in school buildings.

Visits to school buildings are no longer by appointment only, so long as visitors complete a health screening and follow health protocols.

Unvaccinated staff no longer must submit to weekly testing, so long as they complete a daily health screening before coming to work.

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on corporate traffic, is a safer bet.

“It’s the city restaurants that really need the help the most,” Carbone said.

Cameron’s frustrations are reflected around the country. A poll released in January by the National Restaurant Association revealed, among other findings, that 88% of restaurants saw a decline in indoor dining due to the omicron variant.

“Omicron definitely has had a negative impact on restaurant operations. Effectively, the restaurant recovery continues to move in reverse,” NRA spokesman Sean Kennedy said at the time.

Last week, the NRA released the results of a new study showing that nationwide restaurant sales have fallen for the second month in a row.

“After adjusting for inflation, sales were nearly \$3 billion below mid-2021 levels,” Kennedy said.

Cameron made his comments in conjunction with a visit to Hooker Live by U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who is beating the drums in favor of replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

“This wonderful venue is

empty because of the pandemic. They’ve decided to take the hit. Thomas Hooker Live and Thomas Hooker Brewing cannot continue indefinitely this way,” Blumenthal said.

Nationwide, 278,304 restaurants applied for a total of more than \$72 billion from the RRF. Just 101,004 of the applicants were awarded grants, according to the Small Business Administration.

In Connecticut, just over 38% of the 3,369 restaurants, or 1,303, who applied for grants received funding.

Scott Smith, COO of Max Restaurant Group, had the same issue early in the pandemic. The omicron variant stalled the rebound of downtown restaurants, both because corporate workers didn’t come back yet and because his staff had to stay healthy. However, he said, traffic at Max’s two city locations — Max Downtown and Trumbull Kitchen — is picking up.

“At Max Downtown recently, we had a party of eight who hadn’t been back in two years,” he said.

Smith said some companies have started a hybrid model, where employees come into the office for three days and work at home two.

“When I see people driving into Hartford for the day, it’s encouraging. I am very pleased to see that,” he said. “I’m not saying that this thing is over — parking lots and office buildings are far from full — but it’s encouraging. And people who come in are euphoric. They’re happy to be here.”

It will take a while for that euphoria to spread citywide. Cameron is trying to keep things going until the pandemic truly is on the wane and people feel comfortable coming out. He plans to have a “grand reopening” when that day comes.

Until then, he is relying on his periodic events to keep people flowing into the place. He has hosted monthly drag brunches and “dueling pianos” music-comedy nights. He plans to start live band karaoke. The recent redevelopment of nearby Colt properties into apartments has helped bring people in. He also is popular with staff from the nearby CREC offices.

“We’ve had great feedback from people who have come here,” Cameron said. “We just need more of them. We need to get these people back.”

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Solar

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buildings to pick up the slack in the solar systems they already have.

VNM and the commercial program are among three solar programs in the state with caps that limit their use.

For as long as these programs have been in place — in some cases 10 years — those caps have frustrated not only applicants like Coventry, but also the state’s solar industry, environmental advocates and many lawmakers. Some of the caps have inched up, only to tap out almost immediately.

As this legislative session gets underway, a serious effort to raise or even eliminate the caps is emerging. But there is already disagreement over which program caps to alter, how they should be altered and what, if any, other rules should be overhauled.

The legislative effort comes at a confusing time for all solar programs. As of Jan. 1, the management of some programs has shifted; all newly installed solar systems will have new compensation structures; and a brand new power storage program — designed to work best with solar programs — is just kicking off.

For Coventry though, it’s simple: Do something about the cap so they can get out of the line they’ve been in for three years.

“In the meantime, we’re in never-never land of what should we do next?” Elsesser said. “We’re in a holding pattern.”

Programs to change?

Environmental advocates have been pushing to double the existing caps on two of the programs — neither of which is the one Coventry needs. They also want to remove certain size limitations on solar arrays.

But state Rep. David Arconti, D-Danbury, co-chairman of the energy and technology committee and the point person on the committee’s priorities, wants to raise the cap on only one of the programs. It’s also not the one Coventry needs.

Arconti is focused on a program that would bring solar to residential units that can’t have it on their own roofs, by allowing them to get credit virtually from nearby large systems. This arrangement goes by several names: community solar, shared solar. Connecticut calls it shared

clean energy facilities. While single family homes can participate, it is targeted to multifamily and rental units, and is uniquely suited to low-income residents.

“I think the community solar, SCEF program is the best one to try to tackle given the limited time we’re going to have,” he said, referring to the extremely short legislative session. “I do plan on trying to raise a committee bill around SCEF increasing the caps, allowing credits to roll over.”

A rollover means that any unused portion of the program could move into subsequent years.

“It’s just really frustrating when our towns are looking to help support the identified goals of the state, with regard to solar and renewables. I think where we fall short is: Is it really a priority, or is it not a priority?”

— Donna Hamzy Carroccia, advocacy manager at CCM

The adoption of SCEF has been a legislative battle royal since it was first proposed in 2014 as a pilot project. Many legislators argued there were multiple community solar programs around the country to use as models, so there was no need for a pilot.

It took until 2018 to authorize a full, but capped, program. Since then the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority has levied fines against the utilities for moving too slowly on getting it running. Bottom line: There is only one community solar program operating in the state. It’s in Bloomfield and actually was part of the original pilot.

Arconti said his attention to SCEF is to help environmental justice communities reap the benefits of clean energy projects. “I think the SCEF program checks off a lot of those boxes and you’d get the biggest bang for the buck.”

Advocates would welcome any bang at this point, and SCEF is one of the two they are targeting for the higher caps.

“SCEF is an equity tool,” said Mark Scully, executive director of People’s Action for Clean Energy, the environmental advocacy group helping to lead the effort on solar initiatives. “We should be willing to invest a little bit in equity, right?”

PACE is also pushing to raise the cap on the commercial solar program, now in its 10th year. Data collected over the duration show that only about one-third of the

projects that have applied for funding in what is essentially a reverse auction — low prices win — have gotten it.

“We miss tons of it,” said Tim Schneider of Earthlight Solar. “You get a project, you get a customer interested, you do all your inter-connection paperwork and you submit for an incentive. It’s like once a year you get to bid into this and then you miss the bid. The small business you’re working with gets screwed because he can’t do solar. And it goes on to the next year, and to the next year. It’s a screwed up system.”

He and many others perpetually point to the Massachusetts solar program, which provides for much larger program capacity in terms of how much power they can produce and is not limited to one application period a year. Data in PURA’s first Clean and Renewable Energy Report, now in draft form, show Massachusetts with nearly twice the installed solar as Connecticut as of the end of last year. And it projects that Connecticut will lag the region even further five years from now.

Size rules

Schneider and advocates are also pushing to change the current size rules for commercial solar systems. Currently they can’t be larger than the power needed for the building they’re on. In the case of something like a huge warehouse with a ton of roof space but small power needs, much, if not most of the roof could go unused.

Schneider, Scully and others would like to see changes that allow full buildouts of solar in cases like that, with ways to use the power elsewhere, something that the VNM program already requires for government and farm structures.

They say such changes would help keep solar arrays off farmland and other natural landscapes and open spaces that are often targeted for solar. Such siting is often fought by local residents and can wind up in long court battles that slow and

sometimes derail projects. Revamping the programs would also help the state buy less renewable power from out-of-state sources — in turn keeping dollars in Connecticut and increasing grid resilience.

Scully is also pushing for some way to incentivize the conversion of parking areas into solar fields by putting panels over them — the same kind of solar canopies Coventry is hoping to use more of.

“These projects face fewer siting challenges and can be deployed quickly and with much less risk,” Scully said of any project placed on already-developed space, whether it’s a rooftop or a parking lot.

Anticipating pushback among legislators that such programs would cost ratepayers more, he told the annual pre-session environmental summit last month that an average ratepayer would face about 15 cents more per month. For community solar, the cost would be an additional two cents a month. That calculation didn’t factor in indirect social benefits such as lower health care costs that can result from cleaner air.

“These costs pale in comparison with the many benefits of commercial and community solar,” he told the gathering. “We estimate that Connecticut could site seven gigawatts of commercial solar on 8,400 canopies, essentially parking lots, across the state generating 37% of our current electricity needs.”

Nothing for VNM

So far neither the committee nor environmental advocates are making the case to do something about the VNM situation. Right now the number of applicants on the waiting list equals all the projects that have come through in its entire existence, according to data provided in the PURA draft report.

The waiting list for virtual net metering projects equals all the projects done so far.

The Connecticut Council of Municipalities and the Connecticut Council of Small Towns have taken up the VNM cause, arguing that it’s part of towns’ larger efforts to reduce energy costs.

“From the towns’ standpoint, virtual net metering’s a win-win because they can save thousands of dollars each year in energy costs and, at the same time, they’re promoting the use of clean, renewable energy. So there’s a huge benefit to the towns and their communities,” said Betsy Gara, executive director of COST.

Donna Hamzy Carroccia, advocacy manager at CCM, said, while clearly there’s demand, she doesn’t think change will come unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection makes it a priority.

“It’s just really frustrating when our towns are looking to help support the identified goals of the state, with regard to solar and renewables,” she said. “I think where we fall short is: Is it really a priority, or is it not a priority?”

The bigger picture

Hamzy Carroccia won’t get much of an answer from DEEP’s commissioner, Katie Dykes, who said she wasn’t going to comment on changes to the solar caps until she knew specifically what the energy committee was proposing. But she did offer that SCEF “provides a more direct flow that benefits directly back to low income customers.”

The utilities, which administer many of these programs and whose operations have to accommodate and technically support them, are similarly silent. Eversource said it would be premature to comment without specific language, and Avangrid did not respond at all.

But Marissa Gillett, PURA’s chairman, who has spent her nearly three years on the job setting up regulatory structures aimed at modernizing Connecticut’s electric grid through programs like these, is much less reticent.

“Are the caps limiting?” she asked. “I think there’s obvious anecdotal evidence that they are.”

What she hopes she’s been able to do so far is update programs and set new ones in motion that are flexible enough to handle changes in components — like the caps. She also believes the programs are coordinated to achieve the big picture goals: more reliability on the grid and reasonable costs while addressing climate change. One example is getting more carbon-free solar power in place.

To that end, she said she’s often told legislators they can tell her the results they want and PURA can design a program around that.

“There are lots of ways that they can send us a signal without being as prescriptive as a hardline cap,” she said.

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How to fight inflation

As the post-COVID inflation spike persists, it is abundantly clear that we are going to be contending with higher prices for longer than previously thought. As a result, it's time to dust off some of the inflation-fighting strategies that consumers used four decades ago.

Delay spending: Whether it's a new device, clothing, a home renovation or a family trip, delaying a purchase is the easiest way to avoid being slammed with higher prices.

Be flexible: As inflation soared in the 1970s, manufacturers introduced the concept of generic alternatives to brand names, to reduce prices. In the early 1980s, generic sales made up 2.4% of all grocery sales, according to Selling Areas Marketing Inc. Today, generics and private labels account for 19.5% of all units sold in 2020, according to the Private Label Manufacturers Association. If your favorite brand is not available or a bit too pricey, it's time to consider a generic brand.

Help the planet — and your bottom line: Sticker shock at the gas pump and with utility bills might prompt you to reduce driving (or go electric), better manage your thermostat, and seal up those inefficient windows and doorways. Yes, the little things add up to a lot.

Boost your income: Workers have more power today than they have in two decades. That means it's time to ask the boss for more money, either in the form of a raise or perhaps a one-time bonus. If you don't want to leave, consider a side hustle

Prepare for higher interest rates: The Federal Reserve has told us it will increase short-term rates, probably at the next meeting in March. That means you should try to lock in fixed-rate mortgages now. Don't worry if you missed the rock-bottom levels of the cycle, borrowing for the long term is still historically cheap. If you are refinancing, you may want to fold in home equity loans or credit card debts that are tied to variable, short-term interest rates.

Diversify your portfolio: The goal of every long-term investor is to grow your nest egg at a quicker pace than the rate of inflation, while keeping focused on the total risk level you are willing to assume. When inflation arrives, a diversified portfolio can help shield you from the corrosive nature of rising prices. Consider these asset classes for inclusion in your account.

Commodities: When inflation rises, the price of commodities like gold and energy increase. However, this is a volatile asset class that flatline over long stretches of time. Try to limit commodity exposure to 3-6% of the total portfolio value.

Real estate investment trusts (REITs): The ultimate "real asset," REITs tend to perform well during inflationary periods, due to rising property values and rents.

Stocks: Long-term data show that stocks, especially dividend-producing ones, tend to perform well in inflationary periods.

Treasury Inflation Protected Securities: To help the investor dilemma of inflation eating into a bond's fixed-income return, the US government introduced inflation-indexed bonds (TIPS) in 1997, which are linked to the consumer price index.

I-Bonds: Issued through the US Treasury, these savings vehicles provide an annual interest rate, which is derived from a fixed rate and a semiannual inflation rate. For bonds issued Nov. 2021 to April 2022, the total is a whopping 7.12%. There are a few caveats to consider with the purchase of I Bonds:

- Maximum purchase per calendar year: \$10,000 electronic bonds, \$5,000 paper bonds
- Minimum term of ownership: one year
- Interest-earning period: 30 years or until you cash them, whichever comes first
- Early redemption penalties: Before five years, forfeit interest from the previous three months

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Keeping the balance

How to support a partner while they're searching for a new job

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So your significant other just quit their job. How do you maintain a balance when both you and your partner "work" from home?

On the one hand, it may be a relief for both of you if their position was a source of massive stress. On the other hand, the prospect of just one of you working may make both of you anxious, because the established equilibrium of time, energy and money between the two of you got upset.

How do you stay balanced, focused, productive and not resentful in this situation? As a time management coach, I've worked with many people navigating these life circumstances. And I've found that the key to success is for both individuals to take ownership of their side of the situation and to work together to create a new sense of balance.

Here are the key areas where you'll need to partner with your significant other to reestablish the rhythm of your relationship.

Determine set hours for work

If you're the person who is still working and your job has set hours, this conversation will be a little easier. You'll simply need to restate when you need to leave the home or when you need to be at your computer to honor your commitment to your employer.

Then you'll need to stick to those times so your partner consistently sees when you are not available.

If you are employed but your hours are flexible, this can be a little more tricky.

One issue I've often seen is that the individual who doesn't have to get up for work in the morning will often get the person who does have to get up to stay up later than they would prefer. Then the person who is still employed ends up being frustrated because they start the next day later than expected, when working from home, which means they

then need to work late.

To avoid this vicious cycle, you'll need to independently decide when you need to go to bed, wake up and get to work regardless of what your significant other decides to do. You'll feel less frustrated when you establish and assert what works for you in order to get your work done, instead of falling into a routine similar to the one of your unemployed partner.

On the other hand, if you're the person who is in transition and without work, you also need to set your hours. You may not have liked the job you left behind, but it did provide focus, structure, deadlines and purpose. And now that you're on your own, you need to establish that yourself.

I've found that the key to success is for both individuals to take ownership of their side of the situation and to work together to create a new sense of balance.

Choose when you will spend set time looking for jobs, taking classes, applying for grad school, developing a business or other activities that will help lead you to the next phase of your life. For example, maybe you'll pick 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Then work on sticking to that time block and honoring it in the same way that you would for a boss.

You'll feel more focused and productive. And your significant other will feel less concerned that you're just hanging out at home "doing nothing."

Stake your territory

When you've got an office to work from, clarifying when you're in work mode is a lot easier. If you're the one with the job, I recommend commuting if you can. If not, have a designated space

in your home for when you're "on the clock." Establish the understanding that when you're in that space, it's assumed you're focused on work and not available for long, casual chats. Try to avoid migrating to the living room or kitchen where your significant other may be watching TV or cooking so that you don't get distracted. It's not their responsibility to keep you focused — it's yours.

For those currently unemployed, you'll need to respect that, when your partner is in their workspace, they're not available and that it's not fair to expect more interaction during work hours than you would've in the past. Just because you're feeling bored and missing the camaraderie of co-workers doesn't mean it's your partner's job to entertain you. If you need more human interaction, go to a coffee shop or co-working space to plan your next career steps. Or simply engage in a healthy activity like hiking, going to the gym or volunteering.

Rethink household chores

To keep everything in balance with only one of you working, rethink household responsibilities. The person who is looking for a job shouldn't have to do all domestic chores.

But it could make sense for them to take on more of the cooking, errands, laundry, cleaning and other activities, such as picking up and dropping off kids.

Talk about how you split up tasks in the past, and then explore what the person who is not working could take on. You want to make sure they still have time to focus on their job search or other next professional steps. And also that, with their increased flexibility, they're helping more where they can.

Discuss finances

The change in employment status will typically impact financial resources. So, you'll need to decide as a couple what works for you now. That could mean cutting back on discretionary expenses. And if you each were paying for different things, it could mean that the person who is paying the bills changes.

Depending on your financial situation and the length of unemployment, you'll need to review this plan monthly, or potentially even weekly, to make sure that you're in agreement and that everything stays on track.

Also, you'll need to talk through any changes in benefit status, such as health insurance or retirement, and how you'll manage those transitions.

It's not easy to reestablish balance when your significant other quits their job, but it is possible.

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TAX ISSUES FOR 2021 AND BEYOND



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The Savings Game

By now, most Americans have received the documents needed to complete their 2021 tax returns. The filing deadline this year is April 18. What follows is a list of tax-related issues to keep in mind as you prepare your taxes, including ways you can still make tax-advantaged contributions to various accounts.

Contributions to retirement accounts

You have until April 18 to make your maximum contribution to your retirement account. Even if your spouse doesn't work, you may be able to make a contribution for him or her. Every dollar you contribute will reduce your taxable income, and earnings and future capital gains will be tax deferred.

Health savings accounts and flexible spending accounts

If you have a qualifying high-deductible health insurance policy, you should consider establishing an HSA. Your contributions are tax deductible; all income and growth are tax deferred; withdrawals are tax free if used for qualified medical expenses. You can roll the accounts over from one year to the next without mandatory withdrawals. You can maintain the accounts after retirement, and make tax-free withdrawals for qualified medical expenses.

Even if you don't qualify for an HSA, you may be eligible for a flexible spending account, or FSA. The contributions are tax deductible, and withdrawals are tax free if used for medical expenses and dependent care. You must use these funds by year-end, however, to get the tax advantage.

Charitable contributions

Even if you don't itemize on your 2021 return, you are allowed to deduct up to \$300 for cash contributions to qualified charities on an individual return (or \$600 for a joint return).

If you are required to make required minimum distributions (RMDs) for 2022, you can minimize your taxes by making a qualified charitable deduction (QCD) up to \$100,000. Ask your trustee to make the contribution directly to the qualified charity from your retirement account. Whatever you contribute in this way reduces the taxable amount you have to withdraw from your retirement account to meet



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RMD requirements for the year.

Capital gains

If you sold securities you held for longer than a year, it is important to use the proper basis to minimize your taxes. Many investors don't add the dividends and capital gains that may have already been taxed — for example, in the case of reinvested mutual fund distributions — to their initial purchase price. Naturally, increasing the basis by earnings already taxed will minimize the capital gains tax you owe.

Qualified dividends

When you compute your taxes, make sure you report all qualified dividends that will appear on your Form 1099-DIV year-end statement from your financial institutions. Qualified dividends are taxed as long-term capital gains, which for some low-income returns are not taxable. Nonqualified dividends are taxable at ordinary income tax rates, so make sure you do report qualified dividends correctly.

Self-employment income

Self-employed income is eligible for tax deductions not available from other income. For example, you can deduct expenses related to vehicle mileage used for self-employment. Deductions are also available for publications, membership dues, office supplies and health insurance costs.

In addition, if part of your home is used "regularly and exclusively" for business purposes, you can take a deduction expenses for rent and utilities. Be careful: In an audit, you may find the IRS is strict about defining work space.

There is a complicated way and a simple way to figure out your home office deduction. Consult IRS Form 8829 for the complicated computation. A simple way to compute is to multiply the square footage of your workspace, up to a maximum of 300 square feet, by \$5. That's your deduction.

Other deductions

If you itemize, you can deduct the cost of private mortgage insurance. This deduction has not been available for many years, but it is now available for 2021.

All moving costs are deductible for active military members moving because of permanent change of station. If you are in the military reserve, and you travel more than 100 miles and stay overnight, you are entitled to deduct unreimbursed travel expenses, meals and lodging expenses.

Processing your return

Congress has not increased funding for the IRS despite the need for more resources. So you can expect delays in the processing of your tax returns. It is likely that paper returns will again not be processed in a timely manner. So, if you need a quick refund, you should use e-filing. If you do mail it, I suggest you use certified mail to be able to prove when you submitted your return. This will ensure that, if there is a delay in processing, you can prove you are entitled to interest due on refunds. Many readers have indicated they are still waiting for refunds, some from 2019.

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Understanding IRS Form 1099-K

The IRS is taking a closer look at your fintech transactions. Starting in 2022, any transactions exceeding \$600 and made through payment cards or apps (think Venmo, PayPal, Zelle) must be reported by those platforms. They will send you, the recipient of the money, IRS Form 1099-K next January. And it will be your job to determine how much tax you might owe on these payments.

To be fair, this isn't a new concept — just a new, lower limit. In previous years, these service providers were required to report transactions exceeding \$20,000, or if there were more than 200 transactions made. But starting this year, 2022, every single transaction over \$600 must be reported, as well as aggregate transactions over \$600 to one recipient.

But this reporting applies only to business transactions. The IRS specifically says: "Form 1099-K reporting does not apply to gifts or reimbursements made between friends and relatives." Yet the presumption is that these payments are taxable income unless you can demonstrate otherwise. Consider these scenarios:

■ You sell your old bedroom set for \$1,500 on NextDoor, taking payment by Venmo. You'll get a 1099-K next January. It should be easy to prove you sold used furniture at a loss, with no tax due.

■ You are a personal trainer, a cleaning person or a dog walker. Your clients find it easy to pay you weekly on Venmo or Zelle. Even if the transactions are for relatively small amounts, if the payments from one client total more than \$600, the fintech platform will send you a 1099-K.

■ Your grandmother dies and leaves you all the contents of her house. You decide to sell all her stuff on eBay. And they send a 1099-K next year. Don't worry.

Your inheritance comes to you tax free. And when you sell immediately, you don't have to figure out the cost basis either. Since it was an inheritance, the cost basis is the value on date of death. And if Grandma died last month and you sell the stuff in the coming few months, there will be no gain.

■ You're a senior citizen and have taken in a roommate or your grandchild who pays you a monthly amount using Venmo. The TOTAL payments to you for the year will be more than \$600 — so you will receive a 1099-K next January from Venmo. And it is considered taxable income unless your roommate is a dear friend or relative, just giving you a monthly "gift."

■ You've created a lucrative side hustle buying sneakers at an outlet mall and selling them online on eBay. If you sell one pair for more than \$600, or make multiple transactions with the same buyer, eBay will be sending you a 1099-K next January. So keep good records of the costs of goods sold, mailing expenses and the money you receive for each sale. The difference is a taxable profit.

A key loophole

Under the current estate and gift tax law, you are allowed to gift up to \$16,000 per year to any number of people. There is no tax consequence to the giver or the recipient of that gift. So if you love your cleaning lady, by all means give her a biweekly gift. And thank goodness our senior found a "friend" to share expenses.

How will the IRS know which is a gift and which is income? These apps all have a way to designate whether the payment you are making is to a friend or in payment for a service or goods. It's up to you to decide which is which — and note that on the transaction platform.

By now you must be asking how the IRS — which is over a year late in processing 2020 returns and sending out millions of refunds — can possibly start tracking all these transactions and collecting appropriate taxes on them. That's a good question. Why create another impossible task if you can't perform the ones already assigned to your agency?

Years ago, the underground economy was driven by cash payments. Recently, we have moved toward a cashless society driven by technology. Now the IRS wants its share. Technology allows them to track it. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books. She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

RETIREMENT

Before moving, compare state tax rates

By Rocky Mengle

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

If you're thinking about moving to a different state in retirement, check the tax burden there before packing your bags.

State and local taxes in the new destination could be thousands of dollars more than what you pay now, and the last thing you need in retirement is a big tax surprise.

Kiplinger's updated Retiree Tax Map (kiplinger.com/links/retireetaxmap) can help you compare the tax burden in different states. This handy tool shows you which states tax Social Security benefits and other retirement income, offer property tax exemptions for seniors, tax the sale of groceries or prescription drugs, and much more.

You can also do a side-by-side tax comparison of up to five states at a time.

We also used data from the Retiree Tax Map to compile lists of the 10 most and least tax-friendly states for retirees.

Delaware claimed the top spot on the most tax-friendly list for the second year in a row, thanks to low property taxes and no state or local sales tax. Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wyoming joined Delaware on the list.

For high-tax states to avoid, New Jersey takes the crown. The highest median property tax rate in the nation is the main culprit behind the Garden State's dismal



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ranking. Other states on this list include Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Even if you plan to stay put, there are

some important changes to state tax laws around the country that you should know about. The good news is that the trend favors lower taxes on seniors.

We see this most clearly with taxes on Social Security benefits. For instance, as of 2021, North Dakota no longer taxes Social Security benefits. In Utah, Social Security benefits are included in taxable income to the same extent they're taxed at the federal level, but a new state tax credit is available for Social Security benefits starting with the 2021 tax year. The percentage of Social Security benefits excluded from West Virginia tax jumps from 35% to 65% in 2021 for single taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$50,000 or less (\$100,000 or less for joint filers), and hits 100% in 2022 for qualifying seniors. In Colorado, a rule change will effectively make all federally taxed Social Security income deductible for taxpayers ages 65 and over starting in 2022.

There are new or improved tax breaks for other forms of retirement income, too. In Connecticut, taxes on traditional IRA distributions will phase out, starting in 2023, over four years for qualifying seniors. Montana taxpayers ages 65 and older will receive a more generous tax break in 2024 — a deduction of up to \$5,500 on any income, regardless of their federal AGI.

Rocky Mengle is tax editor at Kiplinger.com.

Increase the happiness of employees with 3 simple choices

A new study from Ergotron has revealed timely insights into what employees want in order to stay happy and healthy at work. Here are three considerations leaders can take to ensure a happier and healthier workforce:



Support physical health

According to the CDC, how employees feel can directly impact how productive they are. Therefore, aside from being an empathetic leader, it's also imperative to promote a culture that supports physical and mental well-being for employees.

According to Ergotron's survey, 63% of the average workday is spent seated, with employees sedentary for 5.04 hours of an eight-hour workday. Leaders should encourage their employees to step away from their desks, stretch, and move to boost well-being in the office and when remote.

Promote a flexible work schedule

The standard 9-to-5 no longer exists, as the lines between work and life have blurred for those in a hybrid workplace

model. Although 40% of respondents in the survey claimed to be working more hours now that they are remote, the overwhelming majority (88%) believe that the flexibility to work from home or the office has increased their job satisfaction.



Offer voluntary benefits to energize the work culture

According to Deloitte, today's CEO must be "health-savvy" and recognize that company decisions related to health and well-being deeply

SOURCE: Marcel Schwantes, Inc.

impact company culture. One area that can make or break effective talent acquisition is the availability of voluntary benefits. These are the benefits offered in addition to medical, dental, and vision. Studies indicate that voluntary benefits that support mental health and well-being positively impact a hybrid workforce and help keep employees happy. Over the past year, only 30% of survey respondents say their company introduced new benefits such as wellness programs that support physical and mental health.

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Berlin Dorothy Swerko	Out of State Joshua B. Paul Otis L. Smith
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Burlington Susan A. Booker	Rocky Hill Linda J. Rogers Jeannette Romano Dorothy Swerko
Canton Kurt K. Wirth	Simsbury Mavis F. Davis Ann-Marie Frink Ann-Marie Frink Marilyn Ives
East Hampton Aime F. Boulanger, Jr. Dennis D. Tanner	South Windsor Patricia Chiarenza Diane Smith
East Hartford Orville H. Garvey	Southington Dr. Martin Harwin Helen M. Taricani
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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Abad, Maria Moreno



Maria Moreno Abad of New Britain passed peacefully on February 18th 2022, surrounded by all of those she loved after living a life that was filled with love, kindness, adventure, and story's that would last generations.. She would have been 101 years old on March 6th 2021! Maria was born in New York City to Francisco and Milagros (Balaguer) Moreno. She was pre-deceased by the love of her life Antonio and their beloved daughter Matilde Abad. Her parents, brother Agustin, and her son in law James Parsons. She is survived by her two daughters, Maria (and husband Leon Zahaba Jr.) of Berlin, CT, Diane Parsons of New Britain, CT. Her grandchildren: Grandson Brian Zahaba and his wife Tawnya of Berlin, granddaughter Jennifer Zahaba and her boyfriend Ryan Dauphin of Berlin, CT and grandson Mathew Parsons and his wife Jennifer of Burlington, CT and granddaughter Amy Parsons of Burlington, CT. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, who she adored: Kaden, Austin, Zoe, Travis, Lucy, Brendan, Cassidy and Timmy. Her polish daughter Reggie Fetera. Her family in Denia Spain, and the many others that called her "Yaya" and "Tia". Maria grew up in Denia, Spain where she was raised and later met her husband Antonio. They survived the Spanish civil war and later moved back to the states to make new beginnings. Maria loved spending time entertaining her family and friends with amazing food. Playing with her great grandchildren was often the highlight of the day and teaching them gardening, sewing, and playing cards, dominos, building puzzles, and loved recording her Telenovelas on a series of VHS recorders, no one knew a VCR better than her. She took great pride in her Spanish heritage and her family's legacy. She took any chance she could, to tell you a story from the past. From attending university in Barcelona to become a professional pianist till the Spanish civil war broke out. To the Doctors she called family, hosting meals for them in her little kitchen. No matter where or when she was always excited to be surrounded by "the mens" and amazing people day or night. Funeral services for Maria will be held Friday (Feb. 25) starting at 9:30 AM from the Farrell Funeral Home, 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM at St. Joachim Parish (St. Mary's Church) 544 Main St. New Britain. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery 1141 Stanley St. Visitation will be held Thursday (Feb. 24) from 4:00 – 7:00PM at the funeral home. To send a condolence, please visit, www.FarrellFuneralHome.com

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Bromberg, Stephen Barry

Stephen Barry Bromberg, age 73, a longtime resident of Wethersfield, passed away February 17, 2022 at Salmon Brook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Glastonbury, CT. Stephen retired from the US Postal Service after 29 years of service. He graduated from Weaver High School in Hartford, CT and Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, CT. Born in Hartford, Stephen was the beloved son of the late Robert Bromberg and Yetta Gipstein Bromberg. He leaves behind his special cousins Gary Gipstein (Karen) of East Hartford, CT, Elinor Klein (Benjamin) of Windsor, CT and Geraldine Rosenfield (David) of Plano, TX. Funeral will be graveside at 1PM on Wednesday February 23, 2022 at Temple Beth Torah Memorial Park, 1361 Berlin Turnpike, Jordan Lane Ext. Wethersfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chase Family Movement Disorders Center at Hartford Healthcare. Hebrew Funeral Association of West Hartford, is in charge of arrangements.

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Anderson, Patrica J (Bement)



Patricia Janice (Bement) Anderson, 86, of Durham, CT, passed away on Monday, January 31st at her home. Patricia was predeceased by her beloved husband Carl Einar Anderson Jr. Patricia is the daughter of Albert Nelson Bement and Alice (Murphy) Bement and was born in Middletown on 11/08/1935 and graduated from Middletown High School in 1954. Patricia enjoyed taking trips to the shore and going for walks on the beach with her husband Carl and their dogs. Time waits for no one, and all that was is now no more. The world that we use to know, just doesn't turn no more, the time of our time has come and gone. May you SEE the PEACE that you were always searching for. Patricia is survived by three sons and their wives, Glenn and Kelly and Kenneth and Robin of Durham, Carl and Heather of Cromwell, her brother Albert "King" Bement of South Windsor, her sister-in-law Susan Bement of Haddam Neck and brother-in-law Alan Anderson and his wife Ruth of Plainville. Patricia has six grandchildren, Amanda, Billy, Chris, Joshua, Jakob, and Jaime. Patricia was predeceased by her twin brother Donald Bement. There will be no funeral services and burial will be private. Patricia's family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Nurses, Doctors, Home Health Aide's, and the entire staff of Masonicare Home Health & Hospice of Wallingford for their care, compassion and love that they gave to Patricia and her family. Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice Foundation of America 1707 L Street NW, Suite 220 Washington, DC 20036.

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Booker, Susan Alice



Susan Alice Booker, 71, of Burlington, passed away peacefully Monday, February 14th, 2022. Born July 12th, 1950 in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Alice (Ballou) Linn. Prior to retiring, Susan was employed by the Hartford Courant for 25 years. She is survived by her three sons, Don J. Booker of Dallas, TX, John H. Booker of Dallas, TX and Bobby W. Linn-Bolling of Burlington, her brother, Robert Linn of West Hartford, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, William Linn. Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Thursday (Feb. 24) from 7:00-9:00pm. Funeral procession from The Ahern Funeral Home will be Friday (Feb. 25) at 9:15am followed by the Funeral Liturgy in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville at 10:00am. Burial will be in the family plot at St. Mary Cemetery, Avon. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Boulanger Jr., Aime F.



Aime F. Boulanger Jr., 82, of West Hartford, passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Born July 28, 1939 in Hartford, CT, he was the son of the late Aime and Paulina (Svirk) Boulanger. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia (Boulanger) St. Laurent. He is survived by his brother Paul, sister-in-law Susan (Brack), and goddaughter Lisa Boulanger, her spouse Carlos Brody, and their son Mateo Brody; goddaughter Monique (St. Laurent), her spouse Tom, and their children Logan and Molly Hazlett; and special friend Cynthia Pavey. Aime joined the Marines right out of high school, where he trained at Parris Island, and took up electronics. After an honorable discharge, he used his electronics skills in work at Anderson Labs making delay line systems. Later in life he worked at the American School for the Deaf. Aime was active in his church, the Church of Saint Timothy, where he volunteered, and was a Eucharistic Minister. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. In his youth, Aime was an Explorer Scout, and later served as a Boy Scout leader. He was an avid skier, and volunteered in the National Ski Patrol. He was a gifted violinist and attended the Hartt School of Music to pursue that interest. He also worked for a time as an EMT and was a friend of Bill W.'s for many years. He was well-loved by all whose lives he touched. A Graveside Service will be at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2022, at the State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Ln, Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (www.nmcrs.org/adfd). To leave online condolences, please visit www.sheehanhilbornbreenfuneralhome.com (<https://www.sheehanhilbornbreen.com/>).

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Davis, Mavis F.



Mavis F. (French) Davis, 96 of Simsbury, passed away on Saturday February 12th, 2022, at McLean Health Care. Born in Bristol on February 10, 1926, the daughter of the late Calvin and Sarah (Mathews) French. Mavis was a graduate of Bristol High School and the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing where she became an RN. She went on to have a long and successful nursing career. Mavis was very interested in genealogy. She was a member of the CT Genealogical Society and Hartland and Burlington CT Historical Societies. She was also an avid Patriots fan, gardener and a long-time member of the West Avon Garden Club and Bristol Nursing Society. She is survived by her son, James B. Davis and his wife Lorraine of Canton, her nephew, Russell French and his wife Kate of Conway, MA, her nieces, Donna French-Dunn and Jo-Ann Driscoll both of Franklin, New Hampshire along with many other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband William S. Davis and her brother, Norman French. Her family will receive friends on Saturday February 26, 2022, from 12PM to 2PM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Hartland Historical Society (P.O.Box 221, East Hartland, CT 06027) or the Burlington Historical Society (P.O.Box 1215, Burlington, CT 06013). For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Chiarenza, Patricia (Norcross)



Patricia "Pat" (Norcross) Chiarenza, 71, of South Windsor, beloved wife for 39 years of the late Anthony R. Chiarenza, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital with her family by her side. Born on February 28, 1950 in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Cyril and Dorothy (Fowler) Norcross. Pat was a graduate of Farmington High School. Pat's life revolved around her family, and for almost 20 years she ran a home daycare while her children were young. As her last child got older, she began her career as an executive assistant at Cigna and Aetna for many years until her retirement in 2014. Patricia was an avid dog lover with a generous soul. Her happiest times were those when she was taking care of others, especially her family. She was also a longtime, faithful communicant of St. Margaret Mary Church, South Windsor. A loving mother and grandmother, Pat will be forever missed by her daughter, Melissa Chiarenza; her two sons, Michael Chiarenza, Johnny Chiarenza and his fiancée Christina Champeau and her adored grandchildren, Gianna Chiarenza, Elizabeth Champeau and Joseph Champeau. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Dino Galanos, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Junipero Serra Parish at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Road, South Windsor. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, February 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat's memory may be made to aspc.org. To share a memory of Pat with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Carcia, Theresa R.



Theresa R. Carcia, 91, of Farmington, Connecticut, beloved wife of Dominick J. Carcia, died Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the Atrium in Rocky Hill. Born in Hartford to Alfred and Maria (Gagnon) Roy, she lived many years in Farmington. She was a long time member of the Church of St. Patrick in Farmington, and she was retired from American Nuclear Insurers. She was a caring mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend. Mrs. Carcia's greatest joy was spending time with her family who will miss her dearly. Mrs. Carcia leaves two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roy and Carolyn Carcia of Wethersfield, Chris Carcia of Farmington: two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith and William Kipp Snelling of Wethersfield and Lynne and James Wilson of Exton, Pa. She was a loving and proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and their spouses, Andrew and Alena Snelling, Steven and Jenna Carcia, Erin Snelling, Matthew Carcia, Mariana Carcia, Emily Wilson and Spencer Wilson. She also leaves three great grandchildren, Giuliana and Sienna Carcia and Jonas Snelling. Mrs. Carcia also leaves a sister Jeanette Swietlicki of Sun City, Florida and cousins Richard Lesperance and Gus Lesperance both of Florida. Mrs. Carcia was predeceased by her husband Dominick J. Carcia and a granddaughter Elizabeth Lee Carcia. A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 10:00 am at the Church of St. Patrick in Farmington. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Farmington. Everyone is requested to meet at the church. Arrangements are being made by Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home in West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Elizabeth Lee Carcia Fund, CCMC Foundation, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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D'Amato, Jeffery J.



Jeffery J. D'Amato, 58, of Vernon, CT passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. He was the son of Judy and Donald D'Amato of Uncasville, CT and the late Dorothy (Luce) Sharp of Lake Placid, FL. Jeff worked for Airgas for 20+ years. He was a firefighter for nearly three decades, most recently a member of Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and previously a member of the Cromwell, Newington, and Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Departments. He was an accomplished participant in The Cromwell Grenadiers and The Newington Fife and Drum Corps. Jeff was an avid race fan who attended local auto racing events and watched NASCAR. Jeff fell in love with the outdoors and went camping with his daughter Katie. He was a passionate Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. Jeff was always ready to assist those who were in need and motivated many to make positive changes to become the best versions of themselves.

Jeff was a loving and devoted father of Kathleen D'Amato of Vernon, CT and Robert D'Amato of Colorado. He was predeceased by his sister Dawn White. He leaves behind siblings: April D'Amato of Uncasville, CT, Marji Matson of Bantam, CT, Michele Knudson of Northport, FL, Randy D'Amato (Robin) of Wallingford, CT and Michael Lentoski (JoAnne) of Macungie, PA and several nieces and nephews. His dogs, Bear and Tucker will miss him.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 3 to 6 pm at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to "Funds for Jeffrey D'Amato's Funeral Expenses" organized by Elesha D'Amato through the [gofundme](https://gofundme.com/8dc36242) link <https://gofund.me/8dc36242>. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Dibble, Mary Lou (King)



Mary Lou (King) Dibble, 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep after a brief illness on February 6, 2022. She was born in Flint, MI to Ethel McLaughlan King and Clarence G. King on February 27, 1932. She was the wife of the late James B. Dibble for 51 years. Mary Lou leaves her three adored sons, Bradford T. Dibble and his wife Tina, of Avon, CT, Cary B. Dibble of Vernon, CT, and Kurt R. Dibble and his wife Karen, of Newark, DE, four grandchildren, Kennedie Dibble of Vernon, Nathaniel Buswell of MI and Maxwell and Samuel Reenan of Avon, as well as her nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her special daughter, Monique Normandy and husband Tom. Mary Lou felt she had an ideal life. She was born to loving parents and had loving grandparents. She met Jim, her true love, at Michigan State University and they married a year after graduation. While attending Michigan State University, she joined Delta Delta Delta women's social fraternity where she served as Vice-President. After graduation, Mary Lou taught first grade and special education children in Flint, MI, and Marshall, MI, then in Delmar, NY, and in several places in Connecticut. She continued her membership in Tri Delta everywhere she lived, including Hartford CT and Naples FL. The family moved to CT in 1969 and Mary Lou delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. She was active in her children's schools and the choir at the Church of Christ Congregational Church, where she also served as a deacon. Moving to Seabury in 2007, she continued to sing, taking an active role in the choir, and was a member of the flower committee. She loved being wife, mother, grandmother and friend to her sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. There will be no calling hours. A Funeral Service will be held at Church of Christ Congregational in Newington on February 26, 2022 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Seabury Charitable Foundation. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial is serving the family. To share a memory with her family, please visit www.duksa.net.



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Eastwood, Sr., Robert T.

Robert (Bob) T. Eastwood Sr., 84, of Middletown, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at his home. Born in Middletown on June 3, 1937, son of the late William and Stella (Grabinski) Eastwood, he was raised in Middletown and attended Middletown public schools. In his younger years, Bob was employed as a draftsman at Pratt & Whitney and as a television repairman at various Middletown businesses. He served his career as a firefighter for the City of Middletown, before his retirement. After retiring, Bob was able to devote his time to his passions for railroads, vintage electronics, stamps, and learning the history of Middletown. Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife, Christina (Manning) Eastwood. He is survived by his daughter, Katherine (Eastwood) Brousaides of Middletown, her husband Gregory and their son Alexander, his son, Robert T. Eastwood Jr. of Middletown, and Christina's sons, Steven Barber of Middletown and his children Kimberly and Daniel, and Mark Barber and his wife JoAnn of East Hampton and their children Brian, Ashley, and Matthew, and several great grandchildren. Bob was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Middletown. Funeral services are private at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bob's memory to the American Heart Association. Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown, has care of arrangements.

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Frink, Ann-Marie "Amy"



Ann Marie, AKA "Amy" Frink died peacefully in her sleep at home in Lakewood, Colorado on January 25, 2022.

The daughter of David and Marie Frink, Amy was born on September 30, 1959 in Hartford, and grew up in a loving family that encouraged participation in many activities from tap dance and ballet, to piano and guitar lessons, religious activities, Girl Scouts, swimming, waterskiing, and sailing. She embraced her childhood with enthusiasm, doing everything to the best of her ability and with passion! Amy attended 12 years of primary school in Simsbury and graduated with the class of 1976. She graduated with honors from both University of Hartford and University of Connecticut earning her Masters degree in Business Administration with her eyes set on a successful career as a single woman. Indeed, Amy broke many glass ceiling throughout her many faceted career, often relying on her intellect and relentless determination. Amy developed a passion for travel and adventure at a young age and was accomplished in several languages including Spanish, French and Dutch. She traveled more places than most people dream of, including Russia, Europe, the UK, Alaska and Mexico, and most often independently. Amy knew many of our National Parks intimately as a result of being a tour guide in her youth, and was especially fond of the parks in Moab, Utah and Black Hills of North Dakota. She loved the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, and frequently visited Pagosa Springs. Amy was always returning from, and planning her next travel adventure, or two, or three.

Amy lived independently, and fearlessly in Colorado most of her adult life by her own rules and in her own "unfiltered" way. She pursued every endeavor in life with true gusto! She was passionate about her family and loved ones, along with many political and environmental issues. She was always accompanied by her bursting smile full of enthusiasm and a vivacious and legendary laugh.

Amy is survived by her mother Marie, her brother Richard and his wife Kristin along with her niece Deanna and nephews Daniel, Julian and Paul her Aunt Patricia Boss and cousins, and many loving friends and co-workers. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to McLean Home, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070

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Hatinen, Judith

Judith "Judy" Hatinen, 79, loving wife of Lynn Hatinen, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2022. Judy was born in Hartford, CT and lived in CT her entire life, graduating from Conard High School, Class of 1960. Judy and Lynn met in elementary school and married in 1967. Besides her husband Lynn, Judy is survived by her two sons Scott and Erik, four grandchildren Zoey, Peyton, Rowan, and Teigan, niece Sharon Poisel, nephew Larry Hatinen Jr., and also lifelong friends Don and Eileen Roberts. The family will be having a private celebration. Please make memorial donations to: Dog Star Rescue located at Located at 12 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Checks may be mailed to: PO Box 721, Canton, CT 06019, <https://dogstarrescue.org/donate-to-dog-star-rescue/>. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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FitzGerald, Jonice



Our adored mother, aunt, and mimi Jonice Schmidt FitzGerald departed this world on February 11, 2022, taking with her the aura of love that she spread to everyone she knew. Born in Danbury, Connecticut, on April 15, 1926, the first child of Henry and Ella Dobos Schmidt, she brought them joy and pride as she grew from the doting big sister of her beloved younger sister Barbara and brother Ronald into an accomplished college student at the Danbury State Teachers College, now Western Connecticut State University. She was the first person in her family to graduate from college, and she did so with style and determination, serving as class treasurer and class president twice. Right before her graduation, a soldier recently returned from war stole her heart, and she married William Ennis FitzGerald on April 24, 1948. Like many married couples during the late 1940s and '50s, they struggled to make ends meet early in their marriage. Jonice taught third grade in Manchester to put Bill through college and law school- and in the tradition of the Greatest Generation they prevailed and succeeded. Jonice loved her career as a teacher and kept pictures of all of her classes in albums she often revisited. Hers and Bill's greatest joy, however, came with the birth of their first daughter, Debra Ann, and then two years later, Megan Marie, who both loved her to the moon and back. Jonice lived for her husband and daughters and devoted every ounce of her being to giving them joyful, love-filled lives. As her daughters grew and needed less attention, Jonice turned some of her time to volunteer work, giving countless hours to the League of Women Voters, the Manchester Hospital Auxiliary, and serving on the Board of Directors for the Visiting Nurses. She gladly traded those duties to become the much-loved mimi when her adored grandchildren were born. She cared for each of them-Emmet FitzGerald Gemme, Kristen Gemme Brandenburg, and William and Martin FitzGerald Edgington-in a home filled with toys, ridiculously sweet cream of wheat, and never ending ice cream. They gave her joy beyond words. And in her last years, her delightful great grandson Leo made her smile at a much-needed time. Jonice and Bill lived full and meaningful lives until Bill's death in 2014. Always surrounded by wonderful family and friends, they spent every summer at the family home on Lake Candlewood and had countless memorable ski trips with the extended family during which Jonice would gleefully drop all skiers at the mountain then race to the village stores so she could shop without interference. They spent their last twenty years in the warm company of new friends at the Arbors in Manchester. Throughout every aspect of their lives, they treasured the company of Jonice's cherished childhood friend turned sister-in-law Shirley Beers FitzGerald and Bill's brother John Rohde FitzGerald. They were never far from each other, and laughed and supported each other until their final days. Besides her two daughters, grandchildren, and great grandson, she leaves her dear son-in-law Todd Edgington, and much-loved nieces and nephews: Betsy and Rich Didan, John and Debbie FitzGerald, Ann and George McFee, and their wonderful children, all of whom brought her and Bill much joy throughout their lives, along with special cousins-in-law Vivien Keane, Marta Keane, Jondi Keane, Marni and Marty Connelly, and nephews Michael and Greg Schmidt. With a heart so large it took in everyone in our family and held them close, Jonice leaves us with an unfillable hole in ours. The family will celebrate Jonice's life at a later date. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Garvey, Orville Hugh



Orville Hugh Garvey, 67, of Vestavia Hills, AL, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at his home. Born in Labyrinth, St. Mary, Jamaica, West Indies on July 6, 1954, son of Lawrence and Carmen (Allen) Garvey of Windsor, he was raised in Jamaica and migrated to the United States with his family in 1969. Orville graduated from Weaver High School with the Class of 1970 and later moved to East Hartford and then Tampa, FL where he had lived for 20 years before moving to Birmingham, AL in 2016. Orville worked in the actuarial and in the moving department at the Aetna Insurance Company in Hartford for over 20 years before taking a position with Chase Bank in Tampa, FL where he worked for 15 years until his retirement. Orville was raised in St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Hartford and later attended Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Hartford. While living in Birmingham, AL he had worshiped at Rising Star Baptist Church where he served on many ministries within the life of the church. In his spare time, he enjoyed cooking, sports, and spending time with his family. He loved the great outdoors and spent many summers camping, fishing and getting lobsters for his family and friends. As his sons were growing up, he enjoyed exposing them to a variety of things in life and encouraged them to get involved in sports, Boy Scouts, and other outdoor activities. Most of all, Orville will be remembered as a family man who had a great sense of humor and was always laid back and easy-going. Besides his loving parents, he leaves to mourn his passing, four sons, Tao Harris and his wife Shondell of Mattapan, MA, Lamar Flowers and his wife Melissa of Manchester, Kyle Garvey of San Antonio, TX, and Joel Garvey, Sr. and his fiancé, Tesla of San Antonio, TX; five grandsons, Hunter Harris, Cameron Flowers, Noah Thadeus Garvey, Bryson Cameron Garvey, and Joel Lawrence Garvey, Jr.; three sisters, Jennie Dixon and her husband Lennox of Windsor, Winsome Barnaby and her husband Winston of Windsor, and Audrey Peczka and her husband Paul of Windsor; a nephew and four nieces, Andre Barnaby and his wife Shakiya of Windsor Locks, Lesley Dixon of West Orange, NJ, Shauntelle Barnaby of Windsor, Tyler Jennings-Peczka of Windsor, and Dylan Peczka of Windsor; and a host of other friends and relatives in Jamaica. His family will receive friends on Friday, February 25, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 3575 Main St., Hartford, CT 06120, or to Rising Star Baptist Church, 1320 2nd Avenue, W., Birmingham, AL 35208. For online condolences or to view the services live or after Friday, February 25th, at 11 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Goldsmith, Dean Alfred

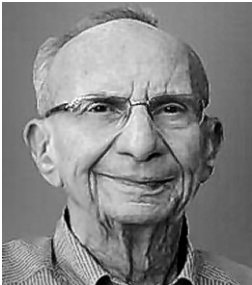


Dean Alfred Goldsmith, 91, of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Jerome Home in New Britain. He was the devoted and loving husband to Naomi (Baker) Goldsmith with whom he shared 66 years of marriage. Dean was born on April 4, 1930 in New Britain, CT son to the late Edward and Florence (Brown) Goldsmith. Following high school graduation, Dean proudly served our country in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged. He received his master's degree from the University of Hartford, graduating cum laude. Dean was a man of many talents and interests, always willing to try something new. He worked for various companies, holding positions at US Rubber Industries, General Electric Co., Hamilton Standard, CCCI, and was the Assistant Administrator at Bristol Hospital for many years. He earned his ham radio license and spent a little time broadcasting on a local radio station. In addition, he sold real estate and insurance, enjoyed working with his computer, and in his younger days was the manager of the Plainville Little League team, the Bees. A lover of music, he was a self-taught keyboardist and composed many tapes that he gifted to others. Above all, he enjoyed spending time surrounded by his loved ones, especially on the family vacations in West Dennis, MA and Daytona Beach, FL. His dedication and love to his family will forever be remembered as his family holds on to the memories they have shared over the years. Dean is survived by his children, Barbara Abbott, Edward Goldsmith (Lorri), Sharon LeSuer (Stephen), all of Plainville, and Karen Rodjenski (Tom), of Bristol; his grandchildren, Alex Grandy (Annie), Nick Grandy (Chrissy), Lauren Grandy (Kevin), Jillian Goldsmith (Andrew), Abby Goldsmith (Ryan), Megan Pushard (Alycia), Allison Petit-LeSuer (Casey), Jenna, Jake, and Emma Rodjenski; and his great-grandchildren, Jackson and Hannah Grandy. He is also survived by his two sisters-in-law, Joan Barilari and Barbara Buchanan, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Alden Goldsmith, his sister-in-law, Shirley Goldsmith, his brothers-in-law, Walter Barilari and James Buchanan, and his son-in-law, Ronald Abbott. The family wishes to thank Jerome Home & the Hartford Healthcare Hospice Staff for their wonderful care and support. Family and friends are welcome to gather on Tuesday, February 22 from 4 to 7 PM at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services will begin on Wednesday, February 23 at 10 am from Plainville Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 11 am at The Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., Farmington. Burial with full military honors will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Plainville. In memory of Dean, contributions can be made to the Plainville Food Pantry, 54 S Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



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Harwin, Dr. Martin "Marty"



Dr. S. Martin "Marty" Harwin, 86, of Boca Raton, husband of the late Dena (Horowitz) Harwin, passed away on 2/15/22 after a remarkable and courageous battle with multiple cancers. A graduate of Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania and NYU Medical School, Marty worked hard to support himself throughout his academic career. He subsequently trained at Johns Hopkins University, and served as a beloved pediatrician for over 40 years. He practiced in New Britain, CT, at Grove Hill Medical Center, which he helped develop into a large, thriving multi-specialty medical practice until his retirement in 2006. He was an active member of the community where he practiced, and received such obvious personal reward each time he greeted a patient at the grocery store, his children's schools, or in the neighborhood where he resided in Kensington.

Dr. Harwin was an incredibly hard-working physician, available to his patients 6 days a week with very rare days away from the office. He made himself always available for emergencies and consultations, and has been lovingly remembered by scores of families. In his spare time, he was passionate about his family, his network of wonderful friends, his many and varied hobbies, such as long distance cycling, photography, hiking, art museums, and community theater. He was a board member, a donor, and a supporter of many organizations in central Connecticut.

Marty was intellectually curious throughout his life, and loved learning. He loved current events and the news, and his Sunday New York Times. He was fascinated by his own personal cancer struggles, and never gave up his critical role as an active participant in his own treatment course. He was also truly fascinated by individual human stories, and loved talking with people from every walk of life. He knew the personal stories of every member of his healthcare team, who provided him exceptional care throughout his long struggles with multiple malignancies.

Marty never lost his wit, his warmth, his unending capacity to support those he loved.

He is survived by his loving children, Wendy Harwin, of Southington; Dr. Jonathan Harwin and his partner Elizabeth Ryan of Branford; as well as by his grandsons Nathaniel and Samuel, who always made him so proud. Marty is also survived by his beloved sister, Dr. Sherill Schuster and her husband Edwin of New Jersey; and by many nieces and nephews, step-grandchildren and extended family. He also leaves behind his loving partner of recent years, Beverly Albert, her children Lee, Vicki, Melinda and Jeff, and her cherished grandchildren Sherry, Marisa, Rick and Brad. Marty and Bev were so fortunate to share golden years of amazing travel, dancing, adventure, and beautiful friendships. Marty will be remembered and missed by so many.

Private graveside services were held at the South Kensington Burying Ground. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to support Dr. Bruce Johnson's research in Thoracic Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain assisted with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Gordon, Carol M



Carol M. Gordon, 58, of Hartford, passed unexpectedly Saturday, February 6, 2022. Carol was born February 5, 1964, in Claredon, Jamaica to the late Rupert Luis and Idetha (Thomas) Gordon. Carol leaves to cherish her memories two sons, Alix Allen and Joshua Gordon, both of Hartford; four sisters, Annette Gordon of Windsor, Paula Gordon of Enfield, Angela Mitchell of Hartford, and Dahlia Gordon of Windsor; two brothers, Allen Gordon of Stone Mountain, GA, and Morris Gordon of Jamaica; a special and devoted friend, Mike of Hartford, and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held 10am, Saturday, February 26, 2022, with visitation prior from 9am-10am, at The International Gospel Fellowship, 650 Park Ave., Windsor, CT. For the complete obituary, online condolences and to attend services remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Gerena, Gloria (Ortiz)



Gloria (Ortiz) Gerena, LCSW, 84, of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at St. Mary Home in West Hartford. Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico on May 23, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Albino and Maria (Maldonado) Ortiz. Gloria graduated from Manchester Community College, St. Joseph's College in West Hartford where she received her Bachelor's Degree and then earned her Master's Degree from UConn with a 3.9 GPA. Prior to her retirement, Gloria was employed for 45 years by Catholic Family Charities-Institute for Hispanic Families, where she was a pioneer for social workers, creating programs for deaf children where family members learned sign language, as well as assisting in the development of a forensic interview for children who were sexually abused. She was also a political activist for the Hispanic community and independence for Puerto Rico. Gloria liked walking, reading, and watching sports. She was an avid fan of the New York Giants, New York Mets and New York Knicks. She was a proud grandmother who loved supporting her grandchildren at their sporting events and school activities.

A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Gloria will be forever missed by her four children, Alfred M. Gerena and his wife Yolanda of East Hartford, Frederick M. Gerena of Wethersfield, Victor M. Gerena, Jr. and Lourdes M. Gerena of Hartford; seven adored grandchildren, Natasha, Kristy, Xavier, Gloria I, Briana, Ziahayra and Isaiah and seven cherished great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Luis Ortiz of West Hartford, as well as many extended family members. In addition to her husband and parents, Gloria was sadly predeceased by her beloved son, Roberto "Bobby" A. Gerena. Funeral services will be Friday, February 25, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Burial will follow in Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford. Family and friends may call on Thursday, February 24, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gloria's memory may be made to Catholic Family Charities-Institute for Hispanic Families, 839-841 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 or the American School for the Deaf, 139 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. To share a memory of Gloria with her family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Ives, Marilyn (Bromley)

Marilyn Bromley Ives, 90, of Simsbury, wife of the late Frederic Ives, died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. She was born July 6, 1931 in Boston, MA, daughter of the late Thomas and Mae (Thompson) Bromley and lived in Dedham, MA growing up. Marilyn and Fred met on a blind date, with both claiming to know they had met the person they were going marry. They remained together for 49 years until Fred passed in 2007. They moved to Simsbury 50 years ago, where Marilyn became an active member in the community as she raised her family. She was a member of the Simsbury United Methodist Church, and volunteered for many years with Child and Family Services as well as with the McLean Home in Simsbury. She enjoyed rug hooking, sewing and quilting, and created many beautiful pieces proudly displayed in her home. She also enjoyed playing bridge with a group of friends she affectionately called "the ladies". She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth B. and Sandra Ives of Unionville, Robert K. and Valerie Ives of West Simsbury and Bradford C. and Wendy Ives of Farmington; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Connor, Chandler, Spencer, Mitchell, Carolyn and Kevin. She was predeceased by a grandson, Gordon Ives and her sister, Joanne Brown. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, followed by a funeral service at the Simsbury United Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury at 2:00 PM. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23453. Please visit Marilyn's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneral-home.com for online tributes.

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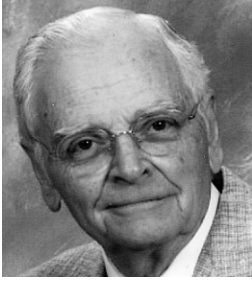
Markarian, Araxie "Roxy"

Araxie "Roxy" (Soukiasian) Markarian, 96, of Windsor Locks, passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022. Roxy is survived by her daughters, Brenda Markarian, with whom she lived, and Debra Vartanian and her husband John; her grandchildren, Nicole, Tamara, and Kristina Vartanian, and Stefanie Schwenndemann and her husband Andrew; sister-in-law, Derouhie "Deroug" Soukiasian; and nephew, Sarkis Soukiasian, M.D.; as well as other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Siragan and Derouhie Soukiasian; her son, William Markarian; and her brother, Haig Soukiasian. Her family will receive friends on Friday, February 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., with a Funeral Service at 12 p.m., at St. George Armenian Church, 22 White St., Hartford. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church. To read the full obituary or leave a condolence, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Kennedy, William



William Grady Kennedy, 101, of Hartford, CT, loving husband of the late June Olcott Roberts Kennedy, passed away peacefully on February 12. Bill was the son of Dr. Henry Grady Kennedy and Imogene Newsom Kennedy and was born August 26, 1920 in Decatur, IL where he grew up with his younger sister Rose and graduated as the Valedictorian of his high school class of 1937. He attended CalTech and received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1942 he was offered a position with Pratt & Whitney at their East Hartford headquarters and soon after married Connecticut native June Roberts. June and Bill lived in Wethersfield, CT for 67 years, raising two sons, Rick and Phil, and a daughter, Sandra, before moving to Avery Heights in Hartford in 2010. During their early years of marriage, Bill's job with Pratt & Whitney shuttled the family to Oak Ridge, TN several times where he received Reactor Engineering and Theory Training with honors. They also took the family on numerous cross-country road trips to visit Bill's extensive family in Texas...once in a small, retired city bus outfitted as a motor home! Bill's career flourished at P&W where he rose from Experimental Engineer to Group Supervisor and Assistant Project Engineer. In the mid-1950s he became the Head of Administrative Staff for Test Instrumentation for a 450-member division at the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Energy Laboratory (CANEL) in Middletown, CT. After leaving P&W in 1971, he decided to try working in the Real Estate field, acing his licensing test. Several years later he was hired by Combustion Engineering where he worked on various nuclear power plant projects until his final retirement in 1986. Bill liked to relax at their family cottage at Lake Hayward in East Haddam, CT where summers were spent with the children enjoying sailing, swimming and playing tennis. Many weekends found him under the hood of his car, or up on a ladder maintaining his home and cottage. He was a man of many talents! He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield for over 50 years participating in many of their programs and serving as a Deacon. He also was active in the Wethersfield, CT chapter of Civitan for over 50 years including a stint as Treasurer. Bill took up golf with his father at an early age and continued to play the game with company leagues throughout his life until he finally retired his clubs at the age of 94. Bill had many lifelong friends with whom he kept in close contact. After moving to Avery Heights he and June continued to make many new friends. June died in 2018 at the age of 99 just two weeks short of their 75th wedding anniversary. Bill is survived by their son Richard Kennedy and his wife Rosemary of East Haddam, CT; son Philip Kennedy and his wife Pat of Wethersfield, CT; daughter Sandra Kennedy and her husband Jim Pfeiffer of Bayfield, CO; grandson Shawn Kennedy and his wife Luma of Raleigh, NC; grandson Justin Kennedy of Raleigh, NC; grandson Elliot Hyde of Vernon, CT; grandson Benjamin Hyde and his wife Sarah of Amston, CT; granddaughter Jamie Kennedy and her husband Creighton Hurt of Durham, NC; granddaughter Shannon Kennedy and her partner Jon Borges of Los Angeles, CA; great-grandsons Kingston Hurt of Durham, NC, and Musa Kennedy of Raleigh, NC. There will be a private family memorial ceremony.

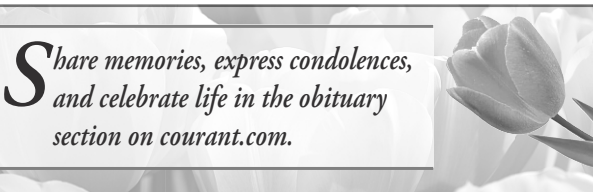
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Kahoun, Barbara (Griesser)



Barbara Ann Griesser "Babs" Kahoun decided on February 8, 2022, that she was done listening to her children nag her long enough and gracefully exited this earth to join her dance partner whom she has been missing for 47 years. She was born a city girl in Philadelphia on October 25, 1932 to Leander & Vesta Griesser. A true middle child (she never let us forget how unfair it was) she was little sister to the late Lucille Jenks and big sister to Lea Griesser of Salem, Massachusetts. She painted, acted and reported her way through Simon Gratz High School. No surprise, for the profuse story teller, she was a commencement speaker for the Class of 1951. She dreamed of college and an art career, but settled on a job with Bell Telephone for eight years honing her notorious ability to talk on the phone for hours. In the summer of 1958 she met Frank Kahoun and they wasted little time starting their adventurous life together. Marrying six months later on January 24, 1959, settling into graduate housing at Penn State and celebrating the birth of their first child as they rang in the New Year. The city girl embraced "country" life when they moved to East Windsor, Connecticut in 1961 into a historic, and therefore always in need of repair, house where she would live most of the rest of her life. Three more children followed with constant activity....gardening, arts and crafts, family field trips, hiking vacations, home improvement. She dedicated a substantial amount of time to volunteering and community service. There was a two-year stint in Germany and Europe where they dragged us to thirteen countries in a BMW standard shift sedan. Mom's attempt to drive a standard was disastrous but she was mostly a great trip planner. Except for the time we all ended up sleeping in one room above the cow barn in Bavaria. In 1974 she became a "co-ed" at 41, attending Asnuntuck Community College and CCSU, graduating with a degree in Art Therapy. A 35 year career in art and recreation therapy and job coaching followed. College, career and child rearing was done as a single parent after losing her beloved husband in January 1975. Somehow she also found time to be active in Beta Sigma Phi Service Sorority for 60 years, serve on the BOE, a Girl Scout leader, volunteer usher at Bushnell for 25 years, and many positions with her church, Christ the King Lutheran in Windsor. And then she became "Oma" when her beloved three grandsons Andrew, Jacob and Owen were born, spending a significant amount of time keeping them highly entertained, even dressing up as Mother Goose. She was so creative and if you had an idea for a Halloween costume or party theme decorations, you could visit Mom's attic and find what you needed or she would make it for you. And she continues to torture her children Karen Cook (Mark), Scott, Gregory (Sarah) and Kathie with the hundreds of notes she left behind so that we can survive without her. She was always devoted to, and they often lived with us, nieces and nephews from Philadelphia and Salem, Massachusetts. She stubbornly refused to let us throw her a party for her milestone birthdays, but now we can finally hold one with a Celebration of Life in May when her favorite Magnolia tree is in bloom on her property. Funeral and burial was private. Donations can be made to her favorite charity Autism Speaks Walk, Team Jake and Company at http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/Barbara_Kahoun For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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MASTROIANNI, Francesca (Chirico)



Francesca Maria (Chirico) Mastroianni, 81, beloved wife of Tommaso Mastroianni passed away peacefully on February 18, 2022 surrounded by her family. They had just celebrated 60 years of marriage. Francesca was born on May 24, 1940 in Pianopoli, Province of Catanzaro, Italy, daughter of the late Giuseppe and Clotilde (Torcia) Chirico. In addition to her husband, she will be greatly missed by her children, Frances Mastroianni of Wethersfield, Anthony (Nancy Fitzgibbon) Mastroianni of Rocky Hill, and Joseph (Maureen) Mastroianni of Glastonbury. She will be especially missed by her cherished grandchildren who were the loves of her life, Matthew, Madelyn, Beverly and Juliana Mastroianni. They will miss their Nonna very much. In addition, she leaves her sisters, Concetta (Tommaso) Colaccino of Italy, Maria (Angelo) Vignone of Rocky Hill and Claudia (Salvatore) Piccione of Italy along with her numerous nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends; each one had a special place in her heart. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Teresa Gallo, and Lidia Caruso.

Francesca will always be remembered for her warmth, generosity and ever-present smile. She was always willing to help and lend her sound advice that made you feel reassured and protected. No one will ever forget her hearty laugh and great sense of humor. She has left us with many sayings and expressions that we all continue to incorporate in our everyday conversations. She loved the beach and enjoyed spending times with family and friends "al mare". Francesca was very talented and creative and over the years she spent many hours embroidering, crocheting, sewing, baking, scrap booking, decorating cakes and creating beautiful sugar Easter eggs. Francesca was an amazing cook, she truly enjoyed creating delicious meals from scratch for her family to enjoy especially for holiday gatherings. She always had room at her table if someone happened to stop by. In recent years, she enjoyed taking drives with her husband and often stopped to picnic or feed the birds by the Rocky Hill ferry. Francesca was a wonderful and kind woman and she will be missed by all who knew her.

For 23 years, she proudly worked for Hartford Hospital's special functions. Francesca was an extremely dedicated worker and was respected by many of her colleagues. During her career, she made many lifelong friends. She was a member of the St. Cristina/ Mt. Carmel Society and the Sons of Italy. She and her husband enjoyed attending many of the social events hosted by these organizations.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Calling hours and burial will be private. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, 79 Retreat Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com

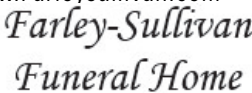


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Kenc, Gregory "George"



Gregory "George" Kenc of Wethersfield departed this life on February 12, 2022, peacefully and surrounded by his loving family at his side. Gregory was born October 12, 1926, in Boryslav, Poland; the son of Nicolay and Anna (Miahka). He was a loving and devoted husband of Phyllis (Zapor) Kenc for 66 years. Gregory was abducted as a teenager and imprisoned in Buchenwald Concentration Camp where he was held captive for 2 years. As a Holocaust survivor, Gregory immigrated to the United States without any knowledge of his family's fate. He was reunited with his brother Peter and his family after 50 years of his endless searching. Gregory proudly joined the United States Army during the Korean War and served as an interpreter due to his ability to speak multiple languages. In 1956, Gregory established Park Hardware in Hartford, CT where his customers affectionately referred to him as "George" and looked forward to his daily jokes. In retirement, Gregory loved taking his wife, children and especially his grandchildren to Vermont to spend time with him on "the lake," a place he truly loved because it reminded him of his home in Poland growing up. Gregory will be cherished in the memories of his loving wife Phyllis, his daughters, Anne Riccio and her husband Mark, Lizbeth Bragg and her husband Clint, and Dianne Weimer and her husband Ted. Gregory leaves his four grandchildren, Marie Cowan and her husband Rob, Gregory Rodonis (who was like a son to him), Karen Riccio, Sydney Weimer, a great granddaughter, Lilly Cowan and two beloved nieces, Ruslana and Tanya. Gregory was predeceased by his daughter Kathy, his parents, his brother Peter, and his sister-in-law Valentina. There are no calling hours and services are private. Interment with military honors will be held in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery. The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home of Wethersfield, CT has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.Farleysullivan.com



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Mazzie, Henry

Henry Mazzie, 98, died on January 31, 2022. He was the son of the late Gervasio and Giacomina Mazzei of Hartford. He graduated from Weaver High School in 1944 and then served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He went on to earn B.S. and M.S. degrees from Central Connecticut State University and taught in the West Hartford Public School system for many years before retiring. Henry loved spending time with his family and dogs, and enjoyed playing tennis, fishing, skiing, and traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada on summer road trips with his wife. He is survived by Adele Mazzie, his wife of 77 years, who resides at Brookdale Gables in Farmington, and by his daughter, Kathleen Blits of Annapolis, Maryland.

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LaRosa, Frank



“THAT’S THE THING ABOUT LIFE; IT IS FRAGILE, PRECIOUS AND UNPREDICTABLE AND EACH DAY IS A GIFT...”

Frank was a gift to all who were fortunate enough to know and love him. At 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, that gift was sadly taken away from us. Frank, who fought and won with grace, dignity and optimism his twenty-two month long battle with Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, succumbed to a non-related health complication.

Born on December 7, 1966 in Hartford Connecticut, Frank was predeceased by his loving parents Giovanna (Rovella) and John LaRosa. He is survived by the love of his life and devoted advocate, Gina (Perezella), brother Paul LaRosa, brother Sebastian LaRosa and his spouse Maria, mother-in-law Eleanor Perezella, late father-in-law Patsy Perezella, sister-in-law Donna Perezella and her spouse Mark Fishman, treasured niece and nephew Kayla and Jay LaRosa, special cousins Lidia, Bruno and Diamond Delmonaco, aunts, uncles, cousins and an abundance of friends whom he loved like family and his precious (and a little precocious), fur baby Indigo Bleu. Frank earned his BA in Accounting from the University of Hartford. He was a CPA, CPMA who began his career with the State of Connecticut as Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) and, most recently, held the esteemed position as the Associate Vice President and Chief Audit Executive at University of Connecticut and UCONN Health.

Frank had so many interests in life. From a very early age, he was a passionate Juventus fan, loved the Raiders and loyally followed them, in good times and bad (unfortunately for the Raiders, mostly bad) from Oakland to Las Vegas. He loved to entertain in his home that he built with love and nothing made him happier than preparing his favorite dishes for all who were welcomed. He was a home improvement enthusiast always planning his next project both in and outside of the house. Frank was a genuinely humble and kind man at heart who appreciated nothing more than to open his home to share love, laughter and one of his home cooked meals which, as he always said, “was made with love - that’s why it always tastes so good.”

Services will be on Monday, February 21st at 10 a.m. at a funeral mass at St. Dunstan’s Roman Catholic Church (1345 Manchester Road, Glastonbury, CT. 06033) followed by a celebration of his life. We kindly ask that all mourners please wear a mask during the Mass only. In lieu of flowers, please honor Frank and the fight that he so valiantly fought with a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org). For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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McIntyre, Nora M. (Wilenski)



Nora M. (Wilenski) McIntyre, 105, of Newington, previously a sixty-year resident of Windsor, wife to the late Stuart W. McIntyre, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 13, 2022, just two weeks shy of her 106th birthday. Nora was born on February 28, 1916, in McAdoo, PA, daughter to Jan and Josephine (Czekalla) Wilenski.

Nora moved to Hartford back in 1923 where she completed her schooling. After her schooling, Nora was employed in the cosmetic industry for over twenty years where she was an Elizabeth Arden Representative. Before her retirement in 1981, Nora worked at Hartford National Bank as a teller for over fourteen years. Faith and family were very important to Nora. She attended masses regularly and continuously took care of and cared for her family and friends to the best of her abilities. She was always willing to lend a helping hand during difficult times and offer advice to those she loved. Nora is survived by her three nieces, Terri Jedynak, Maureen Kummer and JoAnne McKeon; her nephew Thomas Wilenski; her two stepsons Stuart McIntyre and Robert Averill; a great-niece, who was like a granddaughter to her, Sandra Gingras; her dear cousins Lorrie and Dave Johnson as well as the Bombolevich Family in New Jersey. She also leaves several close friends including Maria and Joseph Cezus, Holly Michaels, Michael Deleon and her neighbor, Mary Jane Shea. In addition to her husband and parents, she is predeceased by her son William Cooley as well as her five siblings Thomas Wilenski, Bernard Wilenski, Julia Dalton, Helen Traczynski and Frances McKeon. Nora’s family would like to express a special thank you to all the supportive aides, nurses and staff, especially Krystyna Swit who was Nora’s Super RN and caring advocate, at Newington Rapid Recovery for their care and compassion shown toward Nora over her time residing there.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at Annunciation Parish, Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Smith, John Timothy “Tim”



John Timothy Smith “Tim”, 89, son of the late Daniel and Susan (O’Hearon) Smith and loving husband of 69 years to Gloria (Steeves) Smith was guided from this world by the light of the full Snow Moon on Thursday February 17, 2022. He was cared for by his loving family at their home on Buff Cap Road in Tolland, CT until he heard God call for him.



In addition to his wife, Tim is survived by his seven children and their spouses; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

Tim was welcomed into heaven by his parents, his sister Jean, his brothers Albert, Donald, Robert and Alfred “Buddy”. Also awaiting him was his infant son Michael Joseph.

The Smith Family would be honored to welcome you to calling hours for their dear husband and father on Thursday, (February 24), from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Tolland Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Merrow Road, (Rt. 195), Tolland, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 pm at St. Matthew Church, 111 Tolland Green, Tolland. Interment with military honors to be held at South Cemetery, Tolland.

Online condolences and a full obituary, kindly visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

Donations in Tim’s name may be made to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp or the St. Matthew Knights of Columbus.

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Masterman, Janet Helen (Plummer)



Janet Helen (Plummer) Masterman, 86, formerly of Windsor, died peacefully Friday (February 11, 2022) at Northside Forsyth Hospital in Cumming, Georgia with her children by her side. She was born on December 8, 1935 in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Roland and Helen (Freedline) Plummer, and had lived in Windsor for 38

years before moving to Alpharetta, Georgia to live with her daughter in 2021. Janet graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg State Teachers College in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. She loved teaching and taught through the years while living in Philadelphia, PA, Edgewater Park, NJ, Dallas, TX and Mt. Laurel, NJ. She ended her career in 1999 after 14 years of serving as the Preschool Director at Trinity Christian Preschool in Windsor, CT, her most rewarding job. She saw how the Lord had orchestrated her life for this very position. She was committed to the Lord Jesus and always wanted her life to reflect it and draw others to Him.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years Richard “Dick” Masterman (May 19, 2003) and her brother William “Bill” Roland Plummer (June 6, 2021). Janet’s survivors include her daughter, Lynn Masterman of Alpharetta, Georgia; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda (Kratz) Masterman; and two grandchildren, Caleigh and Kyle Masterman, all of Medford Lakes, NJ.

A public memorial service will be held in Windsor, CT at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors at www.woundedwarriorproject.org or Samaritan’s Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences and to view updates on the date and time of the service, please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Maffessoli, Louis F.



Louis “Lou” F. Maffessoli, of Amston, CT, passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family. He was 85 years young. Lou was born in Hartford on June 11, 1936 to the late Carlo and Rose (Sylvester) Maffessoli. He left high school early to join the United States Airforce and was a proud veteran for the rest of his life. Lou met and

married Audrey Larson after being introduced by a mutual friend, and they would spend the next 60+ years together. Upon retiring from the State of Connecticut, D.O.T. he continued to stay active in the community. Lou genuinely loved people, and people genuinely loved Lou. He would spend hours of his time talking with anyone who was willing to listen. Three times a year he bought and sold at the swap meet held at the Zagray Farm Museum. He was a collector of vintage toys, and loved his Amston farmhouse, but his priority was helping his community of veterans through his work with the American Legion. He was predeceased by his brother Vincent “Vinnie” and sister in-law Jackie. He is survived by his wife Audrey, his daughter Lynn Maffessoli and his son Louis Maffessoli and his fiancée Anna, his brother in-law Leonard “Lennie” Larson and his wife Gina as well as many nieces and nephews, and his close friends, Jack Willis, Roger “Hockey” Arndt, and Joe Simmons. We will surely miss him. His family would like to express their gratitude to the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut (Vernon) for their exceptional palliative and hospice care. Lou was not a fan of funerals! Instead, friends are invited to share a memory of Lou or express their condolences at, www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com. The Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home in Colchester, is in care of arrangements.

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Smith, Otis L. "Jerry"

Jerry passed away on December 22, 2021, at his home on Marco Island, FL. He was born in New York City on September 2, 1934, to Dr. William Leslie Smith and Isabelle Orr. He grew up in the Hartford, CT area. He graduated from Westminster School in Simsbury, CT, and attended Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt, where he met his wife, Gay Nelson. They married in 1958. He went on to receive a Master of Fine Arts from Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 and was honorably discharged. He moved to Weston, Connecticut in 1961 and resided there for over thirty years.

Jerry was an executive in the television and entertainment industry, working for the BBC, Twentieth Century Fox, ABC, and World Vision, from which he retired in 1984.

Jerry was an avid golfer and fisherman. After his retirement, he divided his time between Marco Island in Florida, Prouts Neck in Maine, and one of his most favorite places, Middle Dam, a small fishing village on a lake in rural northern Maine.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brother: William Leslie Smith Jr, his son: Bradford and great niece: Zoë. Jerry is survived by his wife: Gay Smith, his daughter Gigi Schofield, half-sister Susan Smith Rubin, half-brother Clay Smith, his nieces Kimberley, Elizabeth, Abigail, Courtney, and Carly and great nephews: Justin, Jared, Ian, Owen, and great niece Isabelle.

Jerry will be buried next to his mother and brother at the Hope Cemetery in Kennebunk, Maine. There will be a graveside Memorial Service held in the spring for family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westminster School, 995 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070, <https://westminster-school.myschoolapp.com>; or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Jerry’s Book of Memories Page at www.bibberfuneral.com

Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

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Martinez, George Evans



George E. Martinez, born July 1, 1930, devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 5th, surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by his first wife of 38 years, Joanne(Graham) and survived by his wife of 26 years, Marion (Harlowe). Cherished father of Stuart (Kristin) and

Chadlynn, stepfather to Frank Albus (Orna) and Adrian Albus (Julia); Grandfather to Stuart (Tania), Emily, Joy, Jo, Madeleine, Amelia and Baker; Great grandfather to Baby Martinez and Baby Albus; Devoted brother to William Martinez and sister, Jane Sheridan, along with many nieces and nephews and his faithful dog, Murphy.

George was born to the late Leslie and Marie Evans Martinez in Springfield, MA, and spent his childhood in Suffield, CT, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and working in the Martinez Store. He was a proud graduate of Suffield Academy, served his country in the Navy during the Korean War and then went on to graduate from American International College, Springfield, MA. He worked for many years at Monarch Life Insurance, having achieved the position of Vice President for Investment at Monarch Capital Corporation.

A world-class fisherman, George fished all over the world, but felt a strong attachment to Newfoundland and Labrador. He appreciated the culture of the Innuits and swapped stories with them that he loved sharing when he returned home. Whether fishing for arctic char, Atlantic salmon or brook trout, he was often accompanied by his son and grandson...a fishing family indeed! He built custom rods and anyone receiving one cherished the quality, but especially the sentiment. He absorbed the tranquility of the wilderness and had a deep respect for nature insisting on “catch and release”. Twice a year, George, his son and grandson, would travel to Tim Pond Camps, Eustis, ME. These fishing trips were greatly anticipated and weeks in the planning.

He loved his Clinton home and cherished his family. George was very proud of the achievements of his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and never hesitated to let them know how proud he felt. A warm, sensitive man, he always saw the good in people. George lived life to the fullest, quick to laugh and find the humor in life. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

A private Celebration of Life service will be held at the Second Baptist Church, Suffield, CT, at the convenience of the family. The family would appreciate the donation of blood to the American Red Cross in light of the worse blood shortage in a decade.

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Parker-Smith, Esther



Esther Uneeda Parker-Smith, 91, of Hartford, CT gained her heavenly wings on Sunday, February 6, 2022, surrounded by her family. Esther was born on November 10, 1930, in Parsonsburg, MD to the late William H. Parker and Concello V. (West) Parker.

A celebration of Esther’s life will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 1:00pm with a visitation from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held in Suffolk, VA at a later date. To leave a message of comfort for the Parker-Smith family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Sewell, Malcolm



Malcolm R Sewell, born on a potato farm on October 7, 1923 in Rosedale, New Brunswick Canada, passed away on February 18, 2022 after 98 years of helping all who needed him!

As a young man growing up, he worked with his dad on the family farm, watching and figuring out how to get the job done! At nineteen, with a wife, Gwendolyn, and newborn son, he got on the train with twenty dollars to start a better life in Connecticut, working any and every job he could to secure a better way of life for his family of four boys, always helping friends and family during a 40 year plus marriage. In 1962 he started Washington Concrete Products in Plainville. He built it from the ground up with his bare hands and 60 years later the business proudly remains in the hands of his family. Malcolm enjoyed his team, the Red Sox, and his summer “camp” near the Mohawk trail. After meeting the next love of his life, he and Blanche (McCarthy) Sewell traveled though the U.S., with unselfish involvement in the Lions Club, both locally and nationally. This gentle man will truly be missed by all who was graced to have ever meet him.

Malcolm leaves his sons, Richard and his wife Nancy, and Scott (Kelly); his grandchildren, Jason (Amy), Jamie, who cared for his grandfather in his time of need the last three years, Michael, Lawson, and Paisley; his great-grandson, Tyler and great-granddaughters, Olivia and Natalia. He was predeceased by his sons, Gordon and Glenn.

A wake will be held Monday, February 21 from 4 to 7 pm at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. All are welcome to visit at the funeral home at 9:30 AM prior to the service. Burial will be held privately. Contributions in memory of Malcolm can be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting www.cancer.org. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

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Swerko, Dorothy



Dorothy (Gajewski) Swerko, 91, of Berlin, CT, beloved wife of the late Daniel Swerko, died Thursday, February 17, 2022. Daughter of the late Zygmunt and Mary (Maznicki) Gajewski, Dotty was born and raised in Hartford, CT and graduated from Bulkley High School in 1948. Her first job was working in the tobacco fields when she was a teenager. After marriage and having children, Dotty became a stay-at-home mom. Her family was always her priority. She took a job as a cashier at Food Mart when her children were older. As an empty-nester, she worked at Northeast Utilities and retired from the Purchasing Department. Dotty loved to dance. While single, she attended dances at the Polish National Home in Hartford. It was there she met her husband of 49 years, Danny. They both were members of the square dance clubs, "Rosetown Squares" of Cromwell and "Bucks & Does" of Berlin for over 25 years. They attended annual square dance weekends at East Hill Farms in New Hampshire where Dotty wrote, directed and starred in skits they performed for their fellow square dancers. Dotty and Danny loved to travel. She always planned their annual vacations and made sure their trips included live stage shows, which they enjoyed the most. Dotty is survived by her two children, Laurie Boske of Rocky Hill and Kathy Parlin and her husband, Les of Lebanon, three grandchildren, Collin Boske of Rocky Hill, Kelly Parlin of Providence, RI and Jeffrey Parlin of Cranston, RI, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Wanda Gajewski, brother Henry Gajewski, and son-in-law, Ronald Boske. She was well liked by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Calling hours for relatives and friends will be on Monday, February 21, 2022, from 10:00-11:00 am at the Berlin Memorial Funeral Home, 96 Main Street, Kensington. At 11:00 am a small service will be held at the funeral home followed by burial at Maple Cemetery, Worthington Ridge, Berlin. The family requests COVID protocols (masks) be honored. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association via this website https://www.alz.org/?form=alz_donate (click "Donate to a Walker", then search for team "Dotty"), or plant a tree in memory of Dotty by visiting this website, www.alivingtribute.org.

Berlin Memorial Funeral Home



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Messina, Maria



Maria (D'Agostino) Messina, 87, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with loved ones by her side at John Dempsey Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Salvatore Messina for 60 years. Born in Florida, Provincial of Siracusa, Italy. She was the daughter of the late Carmelo and Francesca D'Agostino. She was a communicant of Saint Mary's Church in Newington. Maria retired back in 1988 from the business she and her husband owned, A&M Dress Co in Hartford to care for her grandsons. Besides her husband, she is survived by her beloved children; Carmen Messina of Newington, Jerry Messina and his wife Melissa of Cromwell, and by her adoring grandchildren and their spouses Anthony and Lauren Treviso, Michael and Patricia Treviso, Paolo Messina, Brielle Messina, and by her great granddaughter Adrienne Treviso, who was her joy. She is also survived by her brothers Anthony (Nino) D'Agostino of Wethersfield and Emanuel (Manny) D'Agostino of New Port Richey, Florida, her brother in law Pasquale Bazzano of Rocky Hill, Sister in law Santina Messina of Palazzolo Acreide, Sicily and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her twin sister, Josephine (Pippa) Bazzano and sister in law Dominica (Mica) D'Agostino. Maria enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking and sewing. She was always happy when she had a house full of her family and cooking for the holidays. We would like to thank the nurses of the 5th and 6th floor at John Dempsey Hospital and the Seasons Hospice Care team for their patience, compassion and excellent care they provided around the clock. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:30am on Monday, February 21, 2022 in St Mary's Parish 626 on Willard Avenue, Newington. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Family and friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill on Monday from 9:30-11a.m. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Conant, Jan (Royce)



Jan Royce Conant, 91yrs. of East Haddam, CT died peacefully at Masonicare in Mystic, CT on January 25, 2022. She will be remembered by her family and friends as a capable, determined, independent lover of art and animals. She shared her talents as an accomplished artist, animal behaviorist, internationally recognized equestrian instructor, judge of competitive riding events, and a lover of all creatures great, small, wild and domestic.

Jan was born on September 14, 1930 in Boston, Massachusetts, the third daughter of Frank A. and Margaret (Newlin) Royce. Jan graduated from Milton Academy in 1948. She studied for three years at Boston Museum School until 1951. After marrying Richard Conant in 1952, the couple moved to Cincinnati, Ohio where she completed her degree in Fine Arts at the Cincinnati Art Academy in 1954. Their first son, Peter, was born that year and Jan and her husband, Rick, planned a move back east to Connecticut.

Jan and Rick raised their two sons in Glastonbury, CT. She was an accomplished folk singer, guitarist and cared for an array of wild and domesticated animals that resided with her family at Tinker Hill Farm. She started the Glastonbury Pony Club, which was affiliated with the United States Pony Club, and served as the District Commissioner for 21 years. Jan was well known and highly revered in Glastonbury, inspiring over fifty young Pony Clubbers to embrace life, horsemanship and animal husbandry. Many maintained close relationships with Jan until she died.

In 1972 Jan and Rick purchased a farm in East Haddam, CT and named it Stonefield Farm and Studio. They lived in the dairy barn for a year while adapting it for horses and built a lovely home overlooking thirty acres of fields and the Eight Mile River. She and Rick divorced in 1977 and Jan continued to live on the farm. She purchased a winter cottage at Runaway Bay in Jamaica, West Indies, and served as the managing director of an equestrian center at Chukka Cove Farm & Polo Club for several years.

Commissioned art and equestrian work sustained Jan financially. She stayed active as a fine artist and equestrian judge in the competitive horse world well into her seventies. Many knew of Jan's artistic talents and commissioned her to create portraits of their favorite four-legged friends. She was recognized nationally with over 300 paintings in private and corporate collections and her work graces nine covers of The Chronical of the Horse.

Jan served on the Board of Directors of the Lyme Art Association, Old Lyme, CT and as a Patron Member of the American Academy Equine Art, Georgetown, KY. She was a licensed equestrian judge of United States Equestrian Federation, United States Eventing Association and Vice President of United States Pony Clubs Inc.

She has illustrated six books relating to horses including her own Half Pint and Others in 1968, a fictionalized account of her experiences as an eighteen year old running a riding school on Cape Cod. Most recently, in 1998, she published a creation story entitled Children of Light. She was an active member of The American Society of Dousers and frequently spoke publicly at their annual convention in Danville, Vermont.

Jan was in her "paradise", as she called it, living for forty-seven years at Stonefield Farm & Studio in East Haddam. Nothing made her happier than caring for her dogs, cats, birds, horses, donkeys, goats, ducks, geese, emus, llamas... and mucking stalls, riding her tractor, repairing fences and painting images of it all in her studio. The farm was the center of her world and, in addition to her furry and feathered friends, she welcomed frequent admiring visitors.

Predeceased by her two older sisters Robbin Rice and Margot Porter, Jan is survived by her younger sister Duffy Schade and her husband Gerhard; her son Peter, his wife Claire and their children Ames (Ashley Conant) and Eliza (Jeremy Frenette) and their children, Wesley Conant and Remi Frenette; her son Steve, his wife Magsy and their children Alden (Olle Lindberg) and Molly (Eric Seitz), and their children Hilma Lindberg and Julian Seitz.

No Services are planned. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in her honor to: The World Wildlife Fund <https://support.worldwildlife.org> High Hopes Farm <https://highhopestr.org/appeal>

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Prewo, Karl Michael



Karl Michael Prewo passed away 2/9/22 after 5 years of health issues. Karl was born and lived his early childhood in the predominantly German speaking Yorkville section of New York City. His father, Karl, a tool & die maker and mother, Bertha, a beautician, came to the US around 1930 with only their professions and the hard working, positive attitude of immigrants. They and a close knit, like minded network of immigrants around them provided a loving, supportive environment for Karl's development. Karl and his wife Karen celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in January 2021. They met in high school and married while living in New York City studying in graduate school; Karen at Adelphi University and Karl at Columbia University. After graduation they moved "from the city to the country", settling in Connecticut to raise their family and ultimately retire. Along the way, they experienced joys with lifelong friends and families, sharing life, sports, extensive travel and tent camping (much of it in the rain). The support, friendship and care shown by the members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon have been central to their lives. Karl was eternally grateful for the love, support and encouragement of Karen so he could devote his professional life to engineering and science. After education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and ultimately receiving a doctorate from Columbia University, Karl began his career at United Technologies Research Center. He always said he was thankful that he had the pleasure of working and collaborating at UTRC with the brightest, most interesting, and collegial people with whom he enjoyed every day of work for 30 years. During that time, he was awarded 56 patents, two George Mead Medals for Engineering Achievement, the Horner Citation and several outstanding achievement awards. He became a Fellow of both the American Ceramic Society and ASM International, authored over 80 technical papers and four chapters in books about materials science. He enjoyed lecturing and gave numerous presentations all over the world including teaching extension courses at UCLA, University of Maryland and the University of Surrey, UK. He participated for many years in an advisory capacity to the US Air Force and the National Materials Advisory Board. One of his greatest joys was to work and make friends with colleagues around the world. He participated in collaborative scientific programs that linked US, European and Japanese universities, and companies. As a result, he was awarded the Ishikawa Carbon Prize for International Collaboration in Tokyo and the Medal of Excellence in Composite Materials at the University of Delaware. After retiring from United Technologies, he felt fortunate to spend 10 years working with like-minded colleagues to strengthen the global competitiveness of Connecticut's workforce and enterprising manufacturing companies. He was an advocate for and spoke often on behalf of the importance of multiple educational paths for successful careers and the key role of Community Colleges. He helped secure National Science Foundation funding for the creation of the Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing in Connecticut's community college system. He participated in establishing the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology and creating a multi-state National Aerospace Leadership Initiative for the US Air Force to assure that US workers and companies were leaders in applying advanced manufacturing technologies. He was elected to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering where he chaired the Economic Development Board. Karl and Karen were devoted volunteers as their family grew and matured. Karl was a proud member of a group of fathers who founded Vernon Youth Soccer under the moto "Everyone Plays". They initially fielded a combined boy/girl team with T-shirts that had magic marker inscribed numerals and "Vernon" as their first uniforms. He participated over the years in a variety of capacities at the First Congregational Church of Vernon. He was one of the founding members of the Friends of Bolton Lakes and was honored to be included in the 2017 group of Connecticut residents, over 60 years of age, who were chosen for their notable volunteer activities. His interests and hobbies were diverse. He loved all kinds of music, particularly opera and would tell anyone who would listen that he was an extra on stage in the Metropolitan Opera's 1968 performance of Aida. He and the family hiked, cross country skied, sailed and were long-term members of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Later in life he became an avid fly fisherman, walking the streams of New England and western states. Most of all, he enjoyed being with his family, whatever the activity might be, and was most proud of fulfilling his parent's immigrant dreams. Karen's interests and their sons' families' pursuits truly allowed Karl to enjoy life. World travels with Karen and friends nurtured his appreciation for the diversity of life. The energy and enthusiasm of his grandchildren most inspired his outlook for the future. Family life included relatives in Germany and the United States. Trips to Europe included time with family in the regions of Frankfurt and Stuttgart, where he had cousins and their extended families. He is survived by; the love of his life, his wife of 56 years, Karen, his son Karl Douglas and wife Kristine, son Christopher and wife Erin and his grand children who were his pride and joy. Karl Ethan, Nicholas, Avery and Hudson. He is survived in Germany by his dear cousin, Rosi Kaffenberger, her husband Wolfgang and nephews Peter and Stefan Kaffenberger, his cousin Hans Zweigle and his family. Although living in Germany, they were an important part of his life. Visits to Germany and their visits to the USA were highlights. Special thanks to Richard Agyemanug, Karl's caregiver, and his nurse Pam Fowler. Family and friends are welcome to attend calling hours at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road in Vernon on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A celebration of Karl's life will be on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 11:00 am at the First Congregational Church of Vernon, 695 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon with the Rev. Robin Bird officiating. Burial will follow in Valley Falls Cemetery, Vernon. Masks will be required for all attendees at the funeral home and the church. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to The Cornerstone Foundation or First Congregational Church of Vernon. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Paul, Joshua B.



Paul, Joshua B. "Josh" of Boston, 38, passed away unexpectedly, February 4, 2022. Josh was born in Hartford, Connecticut and grew up in Simsbury. He was a graduate of Simsbury High School and The University of Connecticut. Josh was Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Double E Company. Prior to joining Double E, he had various sales leadership roles focused on commercial business development, developing emerging markets and sales strategies. A natural leader, Josh's success came from the relationships he built that spanned across the globe. Josh was charismatic, charming, and sincere. He lit up every room he walked into; he was instantly likeable – to know him was to love him.

Outside of his professional life, Josh was an avid golfer, Boston sports fan, and a world traveler. He loved bringing people together on the golf course or to watch a Patriots game – Josh was endlessly generous, fun loving, and hospitable. He was dedicated to his family and friends. He lived to make memories – and could always be counted on for a toast. He was happiest in the company of those he loved – and he gave his love so readily. He was warm, thoughtful, and kindhearted – Josh Paul was a true "friend to all". But above all, his priority was his nine-month-old son, Wesley Paul, his wife of over ten years, Alexandra L. (Loughlin) Paul, and their bulldog, Bernie.

Beloved son of Sheldon and Kathleen Paul of Simsbury, Connecticut, and son in law of Vincent and Claire Loughlin of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Dear brother of Cameron Paul and his wife Laura of Simsbury, Connecticut and Sarah Hearn and her husband Stephen of Reading, Massachusetts, and brother-in-law of Vincent Loughlin of Golden, Colorado. Cherished Uncle of Hayden and Makayla Paul and Hannah Hearn. Also survived by his grandmother Marian Paul of Pikesville, Maryland, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during calling hours from 3 to 6 Saturday afternoon, February 26, 2022, in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home NORTH WEYMOUTH at 40 Sea Street (off Route 3A - Bicknell Square). A funeral service will be celebrated Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 10:30 AM in the South Shore Country Club at 274 South Street, Hingham, Massachusetts. The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider donating in loving memory of Josh, to a fund for the education of his son Wesley. Donations can be made to Wesley Paul, 71 Seton Highlands, Plymouth MA 02360. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

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Stewart, Scott A.



Scott A. Stewart, 55, of North Granby, beloved husband of Kimberly Stewart, died Monday, February 14, 2022 at Hartford Hospital after a two year battle with cancer. He was born February 1, 1967 in Medfield, MA, son of the late Andrew and Peggy (Dupre) Stewart and had lived in North Granby for many years. He was a graduate of the Simsbury High School, received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Northeastern University and received his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He was an Attorney for McCoy and McCoy where he was the Senior Civil Litigation Trial Attorney. Scott enjoyed playing golf and most of all spending time with his family, especially watching his children's activities and sports. In addition to his wife of 21 years, he is survived by his beloved children, Natalie and Cameron Stewart of North Granby; his siblings, Bill Stewart and wife Joanie of Boylston, MA, Leslie Kane of Winsted, Sandy Norcross of Cornelius, NC and Donna Moser of Salem, OR and several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center P.O. Box 5028 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028. The Vincent Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Scott's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Piacenta, Joseph M.



Joseph Michael Piacenta, 79, of Newington, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022 after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving partner of 37 years, Toni (Giammateo) Snow. Born on October 1, 1942, he was the son of the late Joseph Piacenta and Angeline (Tedesco) Piacenta. A lifelong resident of Connecticut, he attended Hartford Schools. Joseph was co-owner with his brother, Anthony Piacenta of Quality Carpet Service Co., retiring after 30 years of service. He later worked at West Hartford Blue Back Square parking garage. Joseph was a devoted NY Yankees and NY Giants fan. In addition to his partner Toni, he is survived by a daughter, Anita Piacenta and partner Harry Carr Jr.; a son, Joseph Piacenta III and partner Jane; two sisters, Mary Surdyka and partner Bill Lynn, and Angie Dustin; a sister-in-law, Connie Piacenta; a brother, Lenny Piacenta and partner Diana; his grandchildren, Harry Carr III, Dylan Piacenta, Sydney Snow, and Jack Snow; his great-grandchildren, Olive, Graceful, and Harry Carr IV; and his beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Adeline McGee and Rose Abruzzo, and by a brother, Anthony J. Piacenta. The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the caregivers at the Hospital of Central CT Emergency Room in New Britain. Calling hours are Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 from 4-6 PM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 So. Main St., New Britain. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please share a memory of Joseph with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen.com

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Reynolds, Guy Charles



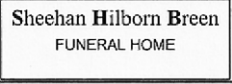
Guy Charles Reynolds, age 79, died on February 7th, 2022. Guy grew up in Eagleville, CT and spent most of his life in the town of Mansfield, CT before retiring from the State of CT as a Truck Inspector for the Motor Vehicle Department and moving to Florida. In Florida, he earned his degree in Theology and worked as a Chaplain for the Truck Stop Ministries. Guy was a graduate from E.O. Smith High School in 1959. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After a tour of Germany, he was reassigned to Fort Bragg where he earned his Airborne Wings. In 1965, he was part of the 1st Cavalry Division, the first division of American Troops to land in Vietnam. After Vietnam, Guy started his own Heavy Equipment Company, BBC (Bulldozer, Backhoe, and Construction). A few years later, he joined the CT National Guard, 248th Engineer Company in Willimantic and completed NCO School. He then began training for Ranger school to further his infantry skills. In 1982 at the age of 39, he became the third oldest man to graduate from Army Ranger School and was reassigned to the 1/169 Infantry Combat Support Company in Rockville, CT. In 1997, he graduated from the CT State Police Academy and became a State of CT Motor Vehicle Truck Inspector. Guy served as a Deputy Sheriff for Tolland County, and also a Deputy Chief for the Mansfield Training School Fire Department, as well as a volunteer fireman for the Eagleville and Mansfield Fire Departments. Guy was a spiritual man and a true patriot who embodied a deep sense of service to others and his country. He loved the outdoors and was happiest when operating heavy equipment, motorcycles, or trucks. Guy loved a new adventure and never stopped learning. He had a great sense of humor, a drive to succeed, and an unique perspective on life and living. Guy is survived by his wife Diana, and his children Suzanne Reynolds Schweitzer (David), and Guy S. Reynolds (Rosemary). His sister, Gail Chandler and her sons Craig Chandler, and Sean Chandler, and his four grandchildren, Danielle Emhoff, Alleah Schweitzer, Charles Schweitzer, and Hannah Schweitzer. Guy is predeceased by his parents Howard and Mary (Maslak) Reynolds, wives Beverly (Brown) Reynolds and Janice (Lozano) Reynolds, and his brother-in-law Donald Chandler. Donations can be made in memory of Guy to <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/> or to The Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA), P.O. Box 9, Mansfield Center, CT 06250. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Rogers, Linda J.

Linda J. Rogers, 71, a lifelong resident of Rocky Hill, passed away on Friday, (February 11, 2022) at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Hartford a daughter of the late Albert and Shirley (LeFebvre) Rogers. Linda dedicated 32 years as Rocky Hill Ambulance Volunteer, helping to save the lives of people in her community even in her passing she continued to help others with the gift of organ donation. She was an animal lover, especially her loyal companion, her beloved dog Skeeter. Linda leaves behind her brothers, Edward (Nancy) Rogers of FL, James Rogers of MA, David (Patty) Rogers of Rocky Hill; a sister Lori Rogers of Rocky Hill; and her special friend, Susanne who was always there for her. She also leaves several nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Those wishing may make donations in Linda's memory to the Rocky Hill Volunteer Ambulance, 3050 Main St., Rocky Hill, CT. 06067 or to an animal rescue of your choice. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Starkes, John August

John August Starkes, 81, formerly of West Hartford, beloved husband of Janet (Lopaus) Starkes, passed away at Avery Heights on Monday, February 14, 2022. Born in Hartford, John was a resident of West Hartford most of his life. He was employed as a Dairy Buyer for The A&P Tea Company and Bozzuto's Inc. John was a member of the West Hartford Masonic Lodge, and served as an honorary past Master and organist. John was a lifetime member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hartford. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, he was a member of the Home Builders Association and a member of the Church Council. A Memorial Service will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, February 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow in the Church Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Romano, Jeannette



Jeannette Romano, 85, of Rocky Hill, passed away peacefully on February, 17, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. She was born on December, 27, 1936 in Algeria, Africa to the late Gaetano and Marie (Manuguerra) Romano. A graduate from Hartford High, She was Co-Owner of Seby Romano Construction Company. Jean was a member of many clubs including being past President of the Italian American Stars Woman Club, over 25 years, member of the Floridian Ladies Society, board of trustees, Hartford Italian American Celebration Committee and a member of Hartford County Home Builders Association. She is survived by her beloved husband Sebastiano Romano, three children, Phillip Rouquie and late wife Cindy, Patricia Veneziano and husband Charles, Rosemary Bouchard and husband Mark, many grandchildren, Kristin Cappellucci, Nicholas Rouquie and wife Erin, Jeffrey Veneziano and wife Jaclyn, Annie Morissette and husband Mike, Elizabeth Veneziano and partner Sebby Poloszczak, Joshua Bouchard, Julia Bouchard and fiance Robby Jeffers, Austin Bouchard, Kyle Bouchard, three great-grandchildren, Avery & Ryan Cappellucci and Trevor Morissette. Jean also leaves behind her sister and brother, Josephine Rocamora and late husband Hubert, Andre Romano and wife Maria, brother-in-laws and Sister-in-laws: Joe Romano and wife Lizz, Sal Romano and wife Ellen, Frank and late wife Darlene, Mary Pellegrino and husband Mario, Lena Gallitto and late husband Rosario, along with many loving nieces and nephews and many adoring friends. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Francesca Romano. Jean was very warm hearted, loving and always made you feel welcome. She cherished the times she spent with her family and friends. She loved to cook, laugh, dance, play the slot machines at the casino and spend time at the beach on the weekends in Old Lyme. She passes on many strong traditions including hard work, strong will and always putting family first. To know Jean, was to love Jean. We will miss her so dearly. A Mass of Christian burial will held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10am directly in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St. Wethersfield, interment will follow in Center Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Family and friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill on Monday from 4-7p.m. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Scott, Clifford Henry



Clifford Henry Scott, 95, of Hartford and formerly of Jericho Road, St. Catherine, Jamaica, beloved husband for 63 years of the late Iona E. (Bailey) Scott, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 7, 2022, after a brief illness. Born in St. Mary, Jamaica on April 15, 1926, son of the late Ahithophel and Vinella Scott, he migrated to the United States with his family in the early 1980's and settled in Hartford. Clifford worked at Alcan Jamaican Ltd., a bauxite company in Ewarton, St. Catherine, Jamaica, for over 25 years, before coming to the United States. After moving to Hartford, he worked as a custodian for the Community Renewal Team (CRT) retiring from the McKinney Shelter on Huyshope Avenue in Hartford. While living in Jamaica, Clifford was a founding member of Bethel Gospel Hall, Church of the First Born where he served as a Deacon and a member of the choir. He leaves to mourn his passing, seven children, Delores Scott of Hartford, Olive Scott and her husband Fitzroy of Windsor, Lorna Barclay of East Hartford, Sonia Sinclair and her husband Hermon of Windsor, Clifford Scott, Jr. of South Windsor, Roy Scott and his wife Jennifer of East Hartford, and Gloria Scott-Miller and her husband Junior of Vernon; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews in the United States and Jamaica. He also leaves, three special nieces and a nephew, Delores Cohen and her husband Rudolph and Yvonne Kirew all of Windsor, Delores Scott of California, and Brian Scott of Mount Rosser, Jamaica, who all affectionately referred to him as "Uncle Massa." Besides his wife, he was predeceased by two daughters, Enid and Rose Maureen Scott; two brothers; and four sisters. His family will receive friends on Saturday, February 26, 9-10 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service, 10 a.m., at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1154 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences and to view the service live or after, Saturday, February 26th at 10 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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St. John, Sheila Ann (Lee)



Sheila Ann St. John, 73, of Concord, NC and formerly of Hartford, wife for 22 years of the late Stanley St. John, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2022. Born in Hartford on January 18, 1949, daughter of the late Marion Lee, she was raised in Hartford and was a 1967 graduate of Hartford Public High School. She leaves four children, Rhonda Lee of Rocky Hill, Stephon (Tina) St. John of Williamston, SC, Renee (James) McMillan of Columbia, SC, and Andre L. (Shantel) St. John of Concord, NC; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Lois Rose; grandparents, Julia B. Hawk-Lee and Charles Lee. Her family will receive friends on Friday, February 25, 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m., at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Miami, FL 33134. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Tanner, Dennis D.



Dennis D. Tanner, 81, of East Hampton, formerly of Glastonbury, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 4, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Sue A. (Livinghouse) Tanner. Born in Minot, North Dakota, Dennis was the son of the late Dale and Emma (Bader) Tanner. Dennis graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Santa Clara. He worked as an Engineer for Pratt and Whitney for many years. After retirement Dennis started a new business as The Chair Doctor. He was a longtime and active member of the Buckingham Congregational Church. Dennis's fun-loving, quirky humor made him a favorite of family, friends and acquaintances. In addition to his wife, Dennis is survived by his son Christopher D. Tanner and his wife Sheri of Hebron, his daughter Karen M. Hunter and her husband Todd of Andover, his son Gregory B. Tanner of East Hampton, five grandchildren Jacob and Emma Tanner, Corbin, Cayden and Carah Hunter, two sisters Claire Sys and her husband Ronald of ND, Carol LaRue of MN, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10:30 am at Buckingham Congregational Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Friends may call on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23453. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Taricani, Helen M (Adamik)

Helen M (Adamik) Taricani, 88, of Southington passed away Tuesday, February 1st. She was born in New Britain and lived most of her life in Southington. She is survived by 3 sons, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Also survived by her devoted sister Jane Roy of Plainville, her brother Frank Adamik and wife Terry of Boulder City, Nevada and several nieces and nephews. She was especially close to her goddaughter Deborah Gibson of Englewood, Florida and her nephew Scott Roy of Plainville. She loved to go on cruises and travel the world with her sister Jane. She also enjoyed reading, shopping, bowling and playing scrabble. She will be deeply missed by those who loved her. Services for Helen are private. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Ulrich, Barbara B (Bennett)



Barbara Bennett Ulrich, of West Hartford, CT; widow of David Watson Ulrich and sister of Lois Olcott, passed away on February 12, 2022. Barbara was born June 24, 1936, to Ann and Irving Bennett of West Hartford, CT. She graduated from Hall High School, Springfield College, and held a MA in Social Work from The Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Barbara is survived by her children; Mark Storrs Ulrich, Ann Ulrich Suter and Geoffrey Bennett Ulrich; her granddaughter, Rachel Storrs Suter; Brother-in-Law Tom Olcott, niece Brenda Olcott, grandniece, Meghan Olcott; great-grandniece, Grace Olcott. Barbara was an active member and recruiter of too many clubs and groups to list here, but she was perhaps fondest of the Town & County club and as such any donations can be made in Barbara Ulrich's memory to The Lyman Heritage Preservation Foundation, 22 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Vogus, Edgar A



Edgar A. Vogus of Daytona Beach, FL passed away on February 9, 2022. He was born on February 26, 1930 in Hartford, CT, son of the late Albina and Anthony Vogus of Poquonock, CT. A graduate of the University of Connecticut (UCONN) in 1952 he received his MBA from Drury University in Springfield, MO in 1966. A veteran of the Korean War, he served as a 1st LT in the US Air Force with the 307th Bomb Wing stationed in Okinawa, Japan. As Vice President of Personnel and Organization he retired from the Singer Company relocating from Totowa, NJ to live in Daytona Beach, FL in 1992. In retirement he worked for over 15 years as a federal tax advisor for the elderly and also did years of volunteering work for the many LPGA Golf Tournaments held in Daytona. An avid UCONN Huskies sport fan, he enjoyed playing golf as a member of the Pelican Bay Golf Club. He was processed in death by his wife Joyce of 61 years on July 13, 2018 and his son, David, of San Diego in 2013. Surviving children include Deborah Lamorgese and husband John of Woodridge, IL, Diane Zunin and husband Louis of Barnegat, NJ and Donald Vogus and wife Heather of Springfield, VA and eight grandchildren and one great grandson. Interment and a private family memorial service will be held at a future date at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Wall, Mary Elizabeth (Spall)



Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Wall, widow of the late Edward M. Wall, Sr., died at home on Thursday, February 17, 2022. She was born in Ipswich, England on June 2, 1927 to the late Charles and May Spall. She moved to the United States after her marriage in 1945. After her husband's retirement from the U.S. Air Force, the family moved to Simsbury in 1966. Always an active volunteer, she worked with many local organizations like the McLean Auxiliary, the Village for Families and Children, the Simsbury Women's Club and the St. Alban's Altar Guild. She is survived by her three sons and their families: Charles and his wife Jane and son Edward "Ted"; Michael and his wife Christine; and David, his wife Christine, daughter Constance and son Martin. She was predeceased by a son, Edward, Jr., USN. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 26th at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 197 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury. Masks are required in church. Donations in her memory may be made to the Simsbury Public Library, 725 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Betty's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Smith, Diane (Zaino)



Diane (Zaino) Smith 84, of South Windsor, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Smith passed away after an extended illness on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Diane was born on July 2, 1937 in Hartford, CT. The loving daughter of the late Guiseppe and Maria (Dione) Zaino, she was the youngest of 4 children. Growing up in “Little Italy” on Queen St. in Hartford, she attended St. Joseph Cathedral schools through 10th grade, where she thrived socially and academically. Before her transition to Hartford Public H.S., she met her future husband, “Bobby”. Diane continued to thrive in and out of school – cultivating her talents in many classes, but especially in art and music. She learned to play piano and developed her sketching and painting skills. After graduating HPHS’s class of 1955, she quickly joined Aetna as an administrative assistant – a position she would excel in over the years and gave rise to her role as an executive assistant in the Internal Revenue Service. She married Bob in 1959 and they had 3 children: Rob, Kim, and Joe. Shortly after Joe was born, they moved from Sargeant St. in Hartford to South Windsor, CT. There, Diane actively supported Bob’s developing insurance business – at times serving as a stand-in receptionist at the front desk at Smith Brothers – and his tenure as a councilman and mayor of the town. Always an avid artist, Diane painted in her spare time and got very involved in the local Art League – where she received awards for her work and much notoriety. Every Christmas season, Diane would design a unique greeting card that included her drawing and an inspirational quote or message. Famously late, Diane would get those cards out no later than Christmas eve – the ink likely still drying on them as they were sent – to the many lucky souls on her large Christmas mailing list. People would ask Bob and her kids in December if Diane was doing her cards again this year – and the reply always was, of course, she’s got stationary and envelopes all over the kitchen table! Only a year ago, many of those cards sat in frames in a display case, where they enjoyed rave reviews from the residents at her condominium complex. In the late 1970’s and 1980’s, Diane and her friend Dolores Lawler started a business designing women’s clothing – which included some runway shows, a commission to do the governor’s wife’s dress for the Governor’s Ball, and many trips to Manhattan’s garment district. Perhaps her greatest creations, however, were the custom wedding gowns she made for her daughter and two daughters-in law. Over the next 30 years, Diane had travelled with Bob to Italy many times – eventually connecting with her extended family. She held a strong bond for all things Italian, and her trips there stirred her passion for art, food, architecture and of course, her ancestry. Sadly, Bob died in 2009 and Diane’s health began to suffer. Over the past 13 years, she would only make a few trips back to visit family and take in the Italian experience. From the very beginning of her life to the end, Diane was loved by many people, and she shared that love with her friends and family. She was surrounded by her family when she passed away on Saturday, 2/12/2022. Diane is survived by her three children and their families, Dr. Rob Smith and his wife Pilar Pueyo of Waltham, MA and their son Evan Smith, Kim Connolly and her husband Brian and their son Brian Connolly II. and Joe Smith and his wife Lisa and their three children Alexandra, Grace and Bryce Smith. We hope that you found Dad again Mom, and songo d’oro! It’s been said that, whenever someone helps a stranger, it re-affirms the love that unites humanity. In lieu of flowers, we ask those who wish to please select a charity of their choice and make a donation in her name. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, South Windsor has care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Whitney, Conrad Delano



Conrad Delano Whitney, age 93, passed away on February 14, 2022 (Valentine’s Day) surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness. Conrad was the 2nd son of Theodore Whitney and Grace Mooney Whitney and brother to Theodore (Ted) Whitney. He was born on October 17, 1928 and grew up in West Hartford, graduating from the old William Hall High School in 1947. He attended Norwich University in Northfield, VT, the US Army War College and the Command and General Staff College. Upon graduation, he became a 2nd Lieutenant-Armor US Army. In June of 1951, Conrad married the love of his life, Barbara Foley and with a blink of an eye, Conrad entered active duty in September. He served with the 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas until October 1952 when he was deployed to Korea serving as an Advisor to the Republic of Korea Tank Company until June of 1953. In August of that year, he returned to civilian life serving in the CT National Guard and US Army Reserve where he was a mentor to many soldiers for the next 28 years, retiring in 1981 as Colonel, US Army after 30 years of service.

In 1953 Conrad joined Aetna Life and Casualty and after 37 years of service, retired as an officer of the Employee Benefits Division. He had an amazing career at Aetna but decided to retire to spend more time with his wife Barbara and his grandchildren. He maintained many friendships with his Aetna colleagues after retirement.

Conrad was an outdoorsman who loved skiing and was active in the Springfield Ski Club in Blandford, MA taking his three children skiing every weekend. He also enjoyed the challenges of Stowe, VT, skiing well into his 70’s. He was an avid runner and loved fly fishing for Steelhead in upstate New York. He also enjoyed a good round of golf, especially with his grandsons, playing his last round with them on Father’s Day 2021. He was President of the Newington Swim Club, a Little League Coach and an Indian Guide Leader. Conrad had the honor of being the Grand Marshall for the Newington Memorial Day Parade in 2017, riding in an Army Jeep waving to the crowd. It was a highlight to be chosen and he cherished the opportunity to once again wear his Army Dress Blues with his medals. In 2006, the Conrad D. Whitney Scholarship fund for Military Excellence was established in his honor at Norwich University and in 2010 he established the Barbara and Marilyn Whitney Scholarship Fund at Norwich University to help students achieve their goals and be commissioned into the Armed Forces.

After Barbara passed way in 1999, he reconnected with a longtime friend and Aetna retiree, Marilyn Conley. They fell in love and married in 2002. Conrad and Marilyn loved to travel and visited many countries, as well as enjoying river cruises throughout Europe. Ireland was one of their favorite countries, visiting more than 10 times. For 17 years they wintered in Myrtle Beach, where they maintained wonderful friendships.

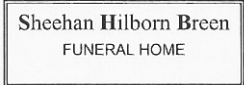
Conrad is survived by his three children: Patricia Burns (James) of Strongsville, OH, Brian Whitney (Paula) of West Hartford, CT, John Whitney (Carrie-Lynn) of Walland, TN; six grandchildren, Matthew Whitney (Sarah) of West Hartford, Brian Michael Whitney of West Hartford, Conor Whitney (Marissa) of West Hartford, Morgan Whitney of West Hartford, Allison Burns and her longtime boyfriend, Bryan McCauley, and Matt Burns of Cleveland, OH; three great granddaughters Julia, Faye and Samantha; and his niece, Eve Lynn Loftis (Steven).

Conrad is predeceased by Barbara F. Whitney, his 1st wife, Marilyn Conley, his 2nd wife, Theodore and Grace Whitney his parents, Theodore Whitney his brother and the many Kinsella cousins who he adored. Conrad will be missed dearly by the Whitney, Callahan and Burns families, his wonderful neighbors the Evons and the Ganleys, as well as countless other friends and relatives.

Calling hours will be Sunday, February 27th, 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, February 28th at 10:00 am at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church Street, Newington, CT. Burial with military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Conrad D. Whitney Scholarship for Military Excellence, Norwich University, 158 Harmon Drive, Northfield, VT, 05663. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com



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Wirth, Kurt Kevin



Kurt Kevin Wirth, 57, of Avon passed way Monday February 14, 2022. Born in Hartford son of the late Frank and Joan (Hoostowski) Wirth, he was raised in Avon and graduated from Avon High School in 1982. Kurt attended Central Connecticut State University and worked for the family business, Wirth & Sons, Inc in restaurants and real estate development.

Kurt leaves his brother Francis “Chip” Wirth and his wife Maria of Avon; two sisters Kimberly Slomiany and her husband Michael of Chapel Hill, NC and Victoria Hogan of Avon; two cousins Lisa Kocka and Kevin Porat; and several nieces and nephews. Private family services will be held with burial in St Ann Cemetery, Avon. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	MARINES 2	LIONS CLUB
METHODIST CHURCH	ORTHODOX COMBINED CROSS	PRAYER HAND
ORTHODOX RUSSIAN CROSS	STAR OF DAVID	ROTARY
POLICE BADGE	CORE ORGAN DONOR	BOXING
MASONIC	ANGEL	BALLOONS
BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	BUTTERFLY
CHECKERED FLAG	DOVE	EAGLE
FOOTBALL	GOLF	HEART SHADED
HEART BLANK	MOTORCYCLE	MUSIC NOTE
ROSE	SHAMROCK	SOCCER
SPORTS BALLS	STAR FILLED	STAR OPEN
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PARENTS SHOULD BE THE ONES TO DETERMINE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEIR CHILDREN LEARN, PLAY SPORTS AND SOCIALIZE



Protesters against mask mandates hold signs along Capitol Avenue at a rally at the state Capitol in Hartford in August. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Where’s the evidence for masking our kids?

By Doug Kechijian

Two years into the pandemic, the burden of proof is on those who continue to insist that measures like mask mandates and school closures decisively improve public health. Interventions that disrupt the lives of young people warrant the most scrutiny. Barring an ominous threat, schools are supposed to be open and their status shouldn’t be contingent upon mask mandates and other unprecedented restrictions.

Top-down mandates might be justified when they promote a clear collective good. Some independent studies referenced in support of mask mandates, including those by the CDC, are methodologically flawed. Data generated by the CDC is either deliberately misleading about mask efficacy or reflects a lack of research design competency. Instead of relying on weak observational studies and self-reported surveys, the CDC should be conducting randomized controlled trials to inform policy; science informing policy, not vice versa.

The United States is truly on an island when it comes to restrictions on young people. Several European countries prioritized in-person schooling without mask mandates as early as spring 2020 without the disastrous effects predicted here. Masking toddlers is the new American exceptionalism. Imag-

ine a hypothetical world where any policy recommendation pertaining to COVID-19 was offered by a politically anonymous person? In that world, would we be masking 2-years-olds on airplanes and kindergartners at recess? For two years, children have been the collateral damage in their trusted adults’ culture war over public health symbols.

The following justifications are offered in support of child mask mandates. While some concerns are legitimate, child mask mandates and mask mandates in general are not part of the solution.

Parents differ in their risk tolerances for their children: Parents should take whatever precautions they deem appropriate for their children and families. In the absence of data that masking children poses a clear public health benefit, the state



The burden of proof is on those who continue to insist that measures like mask rules decisively improve public health, writes Doug Kechijian. SETH WENIG/AP

should not be imposing mandates on every child, effectively eliminating parental discretion.

Children are resilient and can adapt to anything: Sure, there are things worse than wearing a mask all day, but we don’t arbitrarily subject kids to those practices simply because they can be endured. This is perhaps the laziest rationale for continued mask mandates. We don’t know whether masks hinder learning or social and intellectual development because it hasn’t been thoroughly

studied and there’s no historical precedent. Any time a public figure removes a mask to speak, it’s an implicit admission that masks interfere with communication.

We need mask mandates because not all children are eligible for vaccination: COVID-19 poses a greater danger to vaccinated 70-year-olds than unvaccinated children, according to an article published in The Atlantic. A German study conducted

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A Connecticut scandal born of complacency, neglect



Kevin Rennie

Gov. Ned Lamont announced to the state in his Feb. 9 budget address that he will tolerate no deviation from the highest standards of ethical conduct. If you see something amiss, say something. The Greenwich Democrat invited anyone who received an inadequate response when reporting bad acts to call him.

At the same time, Lamont included a lethal provision in his budget. He wants to eliminate the enforcement powers of

essential State Contracting Standards Board It’s an independent oversight agency that has saved the state hundreds of millions of dollars by scrutinizing contracts before agencies can enter into them. State bureaucrats hate the SCSB.

Instead of hobbling the SCSB, Lamont should expand its authority to the school construction program and the State Pier project in New London. Those two programs are under federal criminal investigation. Pity the two projects did not fall under the jurisdiction of the SCSB. There’s more Lamont can do now. Disappointed competitive bidders should be allowed to raise concerns about the state’s bidding process to the SCSB.

The scandal engulfing Lamont’s administration has reached the painful Joey Tribbiani phase. Joey was the likable but often befuddled aspiring actor in the popular comedy “Friends.” Actor Matt LeBlanc mastered the look of blissful ignorance as the plot advanced around him. It was comedy gold for 10 seasons, but it is no way to run a government in distress.

Lamont appears befuddled by the credible allegations of corruption in his administration. Their common thread so far is a former top Lamont adviser, Konstantinos Diamantis. The former Democratic state legislator was the head of the state’s school construction grants program when Lamont allowed him to add deputy

budget director to his portfolio. Diamantis appears to be at the center of the corruption investigation, according to a grand jury’s subpoena. He denies any wrongdoing.

The governor has made no meaningful acknowledgement of the fear factory powerful operatives are said to have run in his administration. Walter Willett, superintendent of Tolland schools, was allegedly financially threatened by Diamantis while the town replaced the Birch Grove Primary School. Willett revealed to this column last week that Diamantis “routinely emphasized there would be detrimental effects to the project if Tolland chose contractors or consultants other than” two of Diaman-

tis’s favorites for the \$46 million project. One of them, Construction Advocacy Professionals, employed Diamantis’s daughter Anastasia at the time.

Stories continue to emerge of businesses that met insurmountable obstacles in the state’s construction, demolition and hazardous material abatement program. On Wednesday, the CT Mirror revealed the hurdles a Stamford demolition company has faced by challenging the alleged abuse of a 2016 list of contractors for no-bid contracts to be used only for emergencies.

The company, according to the Mirror, appealed to Attorney General William Tong for

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EDITORIAL

Glastonbury fracas a poor example for kids

The idea of anyone throwing a punch at a Board of Education meeting is so absurd that it would beg belief if it had not occurred in Glastonbury in December.

It's absurd because we are talking about grownups at a public meeting and not kids having a playground tiff. We're talking about grownups at a meeting of an agency that is working to have the best interest of children in mind.

The best interest of children does not include showing them that adults will turn to pushing and punching when they do not agree on an issue — no matter how fraught with emotion that issue is.

Glastonbury police apparently agree that pushing and punching is a poor choice of action, because

they arrested a local school board member and another man on charges connected to that fracas at a Dec. 14 board meeting.

The issue of contention that evening was whether the high school's original Native American mascot should be brought back. Glastonbury High School's Tomahawks mascot had been retired in 2020.

Board member Monte Ray McFall and resident Mark Finocchiaro went face-to-face during a break in the Board of Education's meeting: Video published by NBC Connecticut shows the two men exchanging words.

The video shows McFall pushing Finocchiaro away and Finocchiaro then punching McFall in the face, causing him to fall to the floor. Thankfully no serious injuries

were reported.

The incident delayed a decision on the mascot issue, but the school board later in December reaffirmed its decision to drop the Tomahawks mascot. That vote was 7-1.

But now McFall, 57, and Mark Finocchiaro, 53, are charged with second-degree breach of peace; they turned themselves in on arrest warrants, according to police said. Both men were released without having to post bail.

Police did the right thing in taking several weeks to investigate and speak to witnesses who were there at the high school when the now infamous incident took place. The state's attorney reviewed and revised the warrant application before signing it,

according to the police.

The issue of mascots can raise strong emotions, and this has been seen around the state as schools transition away from using Native American imagery for their sports teams.

Glastonbury High School adopted a new mascot, the Glastonbury Guardians, which was designed by a student. School board Chairman Doug Foyle has said the panel received broad public comment and "concluded the Tomahawk mascot was not aligned with our district's goal to promote understanding and respect for all cultures."

"Instead of uniting our school community, it was dividing it," Foyle has noted.

And it is just when such strong

emotions well up that adults, who are supposed to be role models for children, should know to step back and take a deep breath before speaking or acting.

Glastonbury Superintendent of School Alan Bookman has pointed out that the school board welcomes public comment but knows "there will always be passionate testimony when controversial issues are considered."

Given that, "it is critical that we listen to each other with respect and follow meeting rules so that everyone can be heard," Bookman has said.

The charges brought by police in this case show that there can be serious consequences when disagreements cross that line of respect and become physical.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Event parking still a problem in Hartford

A friend and I recently attended a UConn basketball game at the XL Center in Hartford, followed by lunch. We parked on Church Street and enjoyed the day until we returned to the parking lot and found that we couldn't get out. All three gates were barred and egress was blocked by structural impediments. Neither the tickets nor the signage had indicated a closing time.

We weren't the only ones. Two other vehicles were lined up at a gate, and one driver pushed the help button. A voice answered and promised to unlock the gate, but that didn't happen, and succeeding calls yielded only busy signals. Inserting our tickets into the slot didn't work. We called all numbers posted on the entrance sign and on our tickets. No luck. One driver — by now there were six or seven — saw a way out. She navigated over the lot's asphalt curb, onto a grassy area, the city sidewalk and then off the curb between two parked cars, and onto the street. Others followed and we drove off. One has to wonder about this nationally recognized parking lot company and if it is trying to be part of the effort to encourage people to visit Hartford.

Anne Morris, Ellington

Courant is shifting too far to the right

I've been a Courant subscriber for a long time. I am seriously considering unsubscribing. Giving Bob Stefanowski a mouthpiece in the Op-Ed section is not what I would expect from The Courant. Reporting the majority of GOP disagreements with Dr. Anthony Fauci? Since when did opinion over science become more credible when reporting news? Some of your headlines clearly show the morph of the paper to right-leaning during the past couple of years.

The insurrection proceedings should be covered in more depth. There has been a change in quality from what The Courant was. It used to be one of my favorite newspapers to read. One article recently referred to Fox News. Does this paper believe Fox News as a credible source for gathering data? If so, count me out.

Jill Espelin, East Lyme

Find better uses for Brainard Airport

Regarding The Courant editorial "Time for a serious dialogue on future of Brainard Airport" on Feb. 6: The pilot's association quoted represents a few hundred people. Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, the city council and Sen. John Fonfara represent about 150,000 people in Hartford and Wethersfield who are affected by Brainard Airport.

The CT Airport Authority precipitated this discussion when it released its Brainard

Airport Master plan. The 2014 plan calls for a 20-year, \$33 million expansion of the facility. It included: the devastation of 40 acres of riverfront trees in four towns near the airport, a mile-long fence along the Connecticut River, new taxiways, parking lots, an extended runway and high-intensity lighting. With that kind of impact at taxpayer expense, it is appropriate that the Hartford City Council consider whether this is the highest and best use of these 201 riverfront acres. The opportunity to redevelop this area with the same public investment of time and money into a vital residential, commercial and community resource for the benefit of residents of the entire region should be enthusiastically discussed for the opportunity it presents.

Cindy Greenblatt, Wethersfield

RNC endorses lawlessness

The Republican National Committee has endorsed lawlessness, insurrection and anarchy. That cannot be a legitimate party in a democracy. Instead of condemning Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger, the senators should be applauded. Any true Republican should support their courage to seek the truth.

From a former lifetime Republican.

Richard P. Weinstein, West Hartford

Angered by lack of school drug arrests

As a retired Hartford and Bloomfield middle school teacher, I am shocked and haunted by the overdose death of a seventh grader in school. A search of the home found a dealer's stash of this drug. Now a Bloomfield student has survived an overdose of this dangerous drug. Where's the investigation? It angers me that there have been no arrests.

Billie Anthony, Bloomfield

Biden makes right move for unions

It's long overdue that unions get the recognition they deserve in helping working men and women. President Joe Biden has done just that [Feb. 8, "Biden moves to promote membership in unions"]. The task force he created with 70 recommendations promoting union organizing and collective bargaining is a great start. Pro labor politicians are not easy to come by these days and with the mainstream media continually moving to the right and against unions, it's encouraging to see The Hartford Courant print an obviously pro union article. One way to report against unions is simply not to talk about them. Thanks again, Courant. Vote union!

Curtis Roessler, West Hartford

Black History Month brings my great-grandfather to mind

During Black History Month, I frequently think about my great-grandfather who was born a slave in North Carolina in 1834. I think of how he made education such a vital part of his life, as he was allowed to read when reading was against the law for most Blacks. He shared the word of the Bible with the community, and founded the first school in the area for newly freed slaves.



By Gary Franks

The one-room Edney Chapel (School) Primitive Baptist Church founded in 1870 not only helped to educate my mother, other relatives and the community but did so well into the mid-20th century. Today a sign stands outside the Richlands, N.C., site with the founder's name, my great-grandfather — George Washington Petteway.

To be able to accomplish this was no small feat. He had to be the ultimate politician. He convinced the white county officials to give him the land and allow him to build a church and school on the property. The land could not be used for any other purpose.

At nearly the same age that G.W. started the church his great-grandchild was entering Congress. I had convinced a majority of a 92% white district to elect me, and they did so three times. I am sure he would be proud as I also recognized that bad white people are a true aberration in society. Most people of all colors try to treat people like they would like to be treated.

More importantly, G.W. Petteway instilled in his children the importance of education and how it could change your life and improve your community and country. I have three sisters who received doctorate degrees. One brother is one of America's oldest

retired Black Army colonels, and another was a successful coach and grade-school teacher.

My family always knew that not having skills or an education could always be used to prohibit a

Black person from a good paying job. Unlike most immigrants who came to the land of opportunity, Blacks were denied occupations that would allow them to truly accumulate wealth unless they were services white people did not care to perform.

Congressman George White, a Republican and the last Black congressman in the 19th century, was likely G.W. Petteway's congressman in North Carolina. In White's last speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, he explained many of the jobs Blacks were not allowed by law to hold. Yet despite such overt racism the Black community pursued and achieved progress.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell Jr., my idol as a youngster, introduced a bill that would become part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibited any company receiving federal contracts from discriminating against Black Americans.

By law in 1972, the federal government prohibited the disclosure of the Equal Employment Opportunity-1 records depicting the employment practices of all companies over the size of 100.

In their annual report, they do not have to reveal how well they have been offering fairness to Blacks to anyone other than the Labor Department, which cannot disclose the information either. As bizarre as it may sound it is against the law to reveal the EEO-1 records of any of the employers in America with

100 plus employees. Why? The practice and the answer would depress my great-grandfather, as it does me. It is likely suppressed because records are unsatisfactory. It would likely help explain why there is a wealth and income gap in the U.S. between Blacks and white Americans.

It should be remembered that where there is high employment and good paying jobs there is little to no crime. It also helps to ensure better health care, education, housing and race relations. Bad people who do not believe in fairness cause the entire society to pay for the mitigation of the aforementioned problems.

We all know that the NFL's hiring practices for head coaches leaves a lot to be desired. Black coaches with winning records have been fired. We know their employment practices as we can see the faces of the head coaches each week on television. But the Fortune 500 companies can hide their information or talk in such generalities that their statistics are meaningless. They will all have Black people on their board of directors because they, like NFL coaches, are highly visible.

Voting rights? Blacks have been voting in record numbers. It helps Black politicians. Black politicians should be fighting instead for fair employment practices as they help the entire Black population. My great-grandfather, who fought to help others first, would agree.

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before vaccines were available determined that for healthy children, the risk of going to the hospital and the ICU were 51 and 8 out of 100,000, respectively. Lifting child mask mandates in schools should not be contingent upon mandatory vaccination in light of the low risk to unvaccinated children and the high transmissibility of more recent variants among vaccinated people.

Since cloth masks don't seem to prevent transmission, children in schools should be required to wear N95 or other medical grade personal protective equipment: Masks worn by hazardous materials workers and intensive care unit providers are not appropriate for healthy children to wear all day in school. N95 masks have not been tested or certified for children. Even if N95 masks

work better than cloth masks in theory, mask wearing is a human behavioral phenomenon, not a physics experiment in which molecules attempt to breach different fabrics in a laboratory. The compliance among 2-year-olds and even teenagers wearing N95 masks will be low and at best merely delay the inevitable reality we must all accept — that children will be exposed to COVID-19 multiple times in their lives.

We need to protect higher risk and immunocompromised children: Agreed. Schools should employ whatever focused protection and risk mitigation procedures they always have for this population. The focus should be on vulnerable children, not on symbolic gestures that merely promote busyness and the illusion of control.

Children might be exposed to COVID-19 in school and pass it on to elderly relatives: Again,

there is no compelling evidence that schools pose more of a public health danger than other places or that masking children in schools prevents community transmission. Elderly people are largely protected from severe illness by the vaccine. We all have older relatives and friends whom we love and wish to keep safe — let families decide how.

Parents should determine the conditions under which their children are permitted to learn to read and write, play sports and socialize. Scientific legitimacy and our faith in revered institutions are contingent upon how the issues raised here are addressed. The refusal to reverse child mask mandates and other unnecessary restrictions on young people will undermine institutional credibility without promoting community health or upholding any sacred principles.

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assistance more than a year ago. Tong's office would say only that it had referred the complaint to the proper officials. Fear of retribution from state bureaucrats emanates from these stories. Lamont ought to deploy his legal counsel, former Assistant U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy, to meet with the victims

of this ongoing enterprise, listen to their jarring experiences and end the alleged abuses.

Lamont needs to become more conversant in the details of a scandal born of his complacency and neglect. On Monday, Lamont told News 12's John Craven that he'd released the entire investigation report into the hiring of Diamantis's daughter by soon-to-be-former Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo. Craven pointed out

to Lamont that he had not. The conclusions and recommendations were presented to the governor in private. It's among dramatic last sentences in the report. A governor ought to know that. Release the secret conclusions.

With his reelection at stake in November, Lamont must be tempted to downplay lethal events. A shrug is not action. In addition to strengthening the state's sharp-eyed contract-

ing board, Lamont should make public every document his administration has provided to criminal investigators. A governor confident that all bad actors are gone has nothing to fear from showing us what he's provided investigators in response to their subpoenas. Lamont's hostility to the Freedom of Information Act infects more than his office. His administration must stop blocking the disinfectant of sunlight.

Lamont believes no one in his administration has been contacted by criminal investigators. The governor should pledge to fire any member of his administration who declines to cooperate with criminal investigators. When Lamont knows something, he must not do nothing.

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COMMENTARY

The liberal world order is in crisis



David Brooks

In the early 1990s, I was a roving correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, based in Europe. Some years, it felt as if all I did was cover good news: the end of the Soviet Union, Ukrainians voting for

independence, German reunification, the spread of democracy across Eastern Europe, Mandela coming out of prison and the end of apartheid, the Oslo peace process that seemed to bring stability to the Middle East.

I obsess about those years now. I obsess about them because the good times did not last. History is reverting toward barbarism. We have an authoritarian strongman in Russia threatening to invade his neighbor, an increasingly authoritarian China waging genocide on its people and threatening Taiwan, cyberattacks undermining the world order, democracy in retreat worldwide, thuggish populists across the West undermining nations from within.

What the hell happened? Why were the hopes of the 1990s not realized? What is the key factor that has made the 21st century so dark, regressive and dangerous?

The normal thing to say is that the liberal world order is in crisis. But just saying that doesn't explain why. Why are people rejecting liberalism? What weakness in liberalism is its enemies exploiting? What is at the root of this dark century? Let me offer one explanation.

Liberalism is a way of life built on respect for the dignity of each individual. A liberal order, John Stuart Mill suggested, is one in which people are free to conduct "experiments in living" so you wind up with "a large variety in types of character." There's no one best way to live, so liberals celebrate freedom, personal growth and diversity.

Many of America's founders were fervent believers in liberal democracy — up to a point. They had a profound respect for individual virtue, but also individual frailty. Samuel Adams said, "Ambitions and lust for power ... are predominant passions in the breasts of most men." Patrick Henry admitted to feelings of dread when he contemplated the "depravity of human nature." One delegate to the constitutional convention said that the people "lack information and are constantly liable to be misled."

Our founders were aware that majorities are easily led by ambitious demagogues.

So our founders built a system that respected popular opinion and majority rule while trying to build guardrails to check popular passion and prejudice. The crimes of the constitutional order are by now well known. It acquiesced to the existence of slavery and prolonged that institution for nearly another century. Early democratic systems enfranchised only a small share of adult Americans. But the genius of the Constitution was in its attempt to move toward democracy while trying to prevent undue concentrations of power. The founders divided power among the branches. They built in a whole series of republican checks, so that demagogues and populist crazes would not sweep over the land.

"They designed a constitution for fallen people," historian Robert Tracy McKenzie writes in his book "We the Fallen People."



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping talk Feb. 4 in Beijing. ALEXEI DRUZHININ/SPUTNIK

"Its genius lay in how it held in tension two seemingly incompatible beliefs: first, that the majority must generally prevail; and second, that the majority is predisposed to seek personal advantage above the common good."

Although the Constitution guarded against abuses of power, the founders recognized that a much more important set of civic practices would mold people to be capable of being self-governing citizens: Churches were meant to teach virtue; leaders were to receive classical education, so they might understand human virtue and vice and the fragility of democracy; everyday citizens were to lead their lives as yeoman farmers so they might learn to live simply and work hard; civic associations and local government were to instill the habits of public service; patriotic rituals were observed to instill shared love of country; newspapers and magazines were there (more in theory than in fact) to create a well-informed citizenry; etiquette rules and democratic manners were adopted to encourage social equality and mutual respect. Think of it like farming. Planting the seeds is like establishing a democracy. But for democracy to function, you have to till and fertilize the soil, erect fences, pull up weeds, prune the early growth. The founders knew that democracy is not natural. It takes a lot of cultivation to make democracy work.

American foreign policy had a second founding after World War II. For much of our history, Americans were content to prosper behind the safety of the oceans. But after having been dragged into two world wars, a generation of Americans realized the old attitude wasn't working anymore and America, following the leadership of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, would have to help build a liberal world order if it was to remain secure.

Just as America's founders understood that democracy is not natural, the postwar generation understood that peace is not natural — it has to be tended and cultivated

from the frailties of human passion and greed.

Over the past few generations, that hopeful but sober view of human nature has faded. What has been called the Culture of Narcissism took hold, with the view that human beings should be unshackled from restraint. You can trust yourself to be unselfish! Democracy and world peace were taken for granted. As Robert Kagan put it in his book "The Jungle Grows Back": "We have lived so long inside the bubble of the liberal order that we can imagine no other kind of world. We think it is natural and normal, even inevitable."

What happens when you don't tend the seedbeds of democracy? Chaos? War? No, you return to normal. The 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries were normal. Big countries such as China, Russia and Turkey are ruled by fierce leaders with massive power. That's normal. Small aristocracies in many nations hog gigantic shares of their nations' wealth. That's normal. Many people come to despise cultural outsiders, such as immigrants. Normal. Global affairs resembles the law of the jungle, with big countries threatening small ones. This is the way it has been for most of human history.

In normal times, people crave order and leaders such as Vladimir Putin arise to give it to them. Putin and Xi Jinping have arisen to be the 21st century's paradigmatic men.

Putin, Xi and the other global conservatives make comprehensive critiques of liberalism and the failings of liberal society. Unlike past authoritarians, they have the massive power of modern surveillance technology to control their citizens. Russian troops are on the border of Ukraine because Putin needs to create the kind of disordered world in which people like him thrive. "The problem Russia has faced since the end of the Cold War is that the greatness Putin and many Russians seek cannot be achieved in a world that is secure and stable," Kagan writes in "The Jungle Grows Back." "To achieve greatness

on the world stage, Russia must bring the world back to a past when neither Russians nor anyone else enjoyed security."

Will the liberals of the world be able to hold off the wolves? Strengthen democracy and preserve the rules-based world order? The events of the past few weeks have been fortifying. Joe Biden and the other world leaders have done an impressive job of rallying their collective resolve and pushing to keep Putin within his borders. But the problems of democracy and the liberal order can't be solved from the top down. Today, across left and right, millions of Americans see U.S. efforts abroad as little more than imperialism, "endless wars" and domination. They don't believe in the post-war project and refuse to provide popular support for it.

The real problem is in the seedbeds of democracy, the institutions that are supposed to mold a citizenry and make us qualified to practice democracy. To restore those seedbeds, we first have to relearn the wisdom of the founders: We are not as virtuous as we think we are. Americans are no better than anyone else. Democracy is not natural; it is an artificial accomplishment that takes enormous work.

Then we need to fortify the institutions that are supposed to teach the democratic skills: how to weigh evidence and commit to truth; how to correct for your own partisan blinders and learn to doubt your own opinions; how to respect people you disagree with; how to avoid catastrophism, conspiracy and apocalyptic thinking; how to avoid supporting demagogues; how to craft complex compromises.

Democrats are not born, they are made. If the 21st century is to get brighter as it goes along, we have to get a lot better at making them. We don't only have to worry about the people tearing down democracy. We have to worry about who is building it up.

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Mr. President, your good economy won't sell itself



Paul Krugman

Thirteen months into the Biden administration, Democrats face a troubling paradox. By many measures, the economy has done very well, hugely outperforming expectations for growth and job

creation. A record number of Americans say that it's a good time to find a quality job. But inflation has spiked, consumer sentiment has plunged, and polls show that economic perceptions are currently a big liability for their party.

How should President Joe Biden talk about this situation? Obviously he needs to acknowledge the inflation problem. But there's a debate among pundits, and presumably within the party's inner circles, about how much he should tout his achievements. Some commentators seem to believe that emphasizing the good news would be a mistake, that his best move would be to demonstrate that he's in touch by acknowledging that things have gone wrong — that he should, in effect, ratify negative narratives about the economy.

Well, I remember the 1970s, and if you ask me, pundits calling on Biden to show "humility" seem to be suggesting that he should give a version of Jimmy Carter's infamous "malaise" speech.

Furthermore, if Biden emphasizes the positive, he will have reality on his side. I've been arguing for a while that the economy is doing much better than either consumer surveys or polling suggest. And two important new studies reinforce that case.

The first study, by researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, involves real wages — wages corrected for inflation. I've seen many articles simply asserting as fact that wages haven't kept up with inflation. But is that true?

You might think this is a simple question to answer — just compare average wages



President Joe Biden speaks about the economy Jan. 28 in Pittsburgh. SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP

with the level of prices. But the pandemic has messed up such comparisons by skewing the composition of the workforce. In 2020, average wages went up a lot, not because individual workers were getting big raises, but because the millions of Americans laid off were disproportionately in low-paid occupations like restaurant work. Those same occupations have led the recovery in employment over the past year, so that true wage growth has been higher than the average might suggest.

The Dallas Fed study, which attempted to correct for these effects, found that real wages actually rose in 2021, although they slipped slightly in the second half of the year.

I'm not saying that workers are doing great; they aren't. Nor should we take this study as the final word; maybe real wages are actually down a bit rather than up a bit. But these estimates are inconsistent with claims that workers have suffered large

declines in their purchasing power.

And in terms of the politics, it seems worth noting a historical comparison: Real wages for blue-collar workers declined fairly consistently over the course of Ronald Reagan's presidency, despite the 1985-86 plunge in world oil prices. Yet Republicans won not one but two landslide presidential election victories in the 1980s largely on the strength of perceived economic success.

Still, people dislike inflation even when their incomes are keeping up, perhaps because inflation creates a sense that things are out of control. This helps explain the decline in consumer sentiment over the past year, although both The New York Times' Nate Cohn and I have found that the decline in confidence is bigger than you would have expected even given inflation aversion.

But there's more. Researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York point

out that their bank's survey of consumers, like other surveys, says that Americans expect high inflation this year but don't expect it to persist. Furthermore, longer-term expectations of inflation have become less responsive to current price increases than they were in the past — which is the opposite of what you'd expect to see if people really perceived an economy spinning out of control.

So Americans aren't suffering big declines in real wages, and they see inflation as temporary, not a runaway phenomenon. Why, then, hasn't the good economic news on other fronts made them more upbeat?

Maybe because, for whatever reason, they haven't heard that good news.

There are many indicators of a large divergence between what people say about their own situation — which they rate as pretty good, financially and otherwise — and what they say about what's happening to the nation as a whole. That is, they imagine that others are doing badly even though they themselves are doing OK.

Some of this represents immovable partisanship; nothing will convince Republicans that things aren't terrible. But as Greg Sargent of The Washington Post points out, recent polling finds that when voters are presented with information about the good news on jobs, growth and unemployment, their assessment of the economy — and of Democrats — improves substantially.

So Biden should indeed talk about his successes. He shouldn't ignore the negatives — although denial of awkward reality has historically worked well for Republicans. But he should tout the good things that have happened on his watch. After all, if he won't, who will? A good economy won't sell itself.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.



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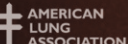
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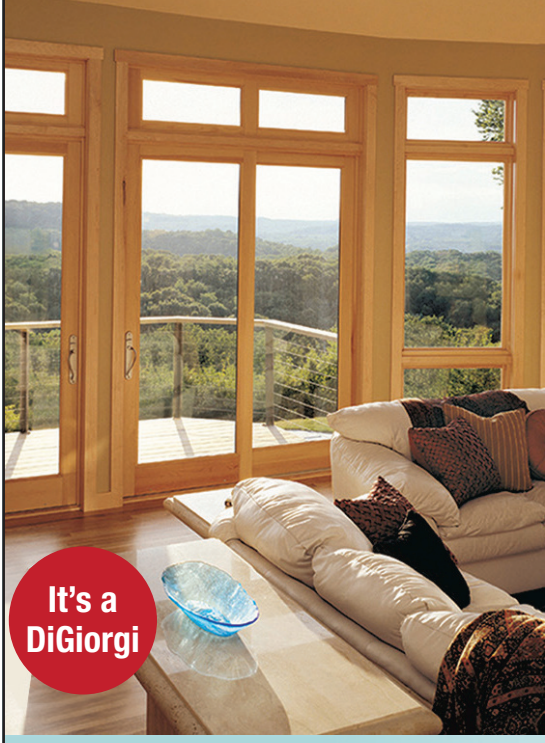


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"Mamele," a 1938 musical starring Yiddish-language film superstar Molly Picon, will be shown at the Mandell JCC Hartford Jewish Film Festival. NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH FILM; SCOTT SHEA/HARTFORD COURANT ILLUSTRATION

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Sea Tea Improv returns, comedy at Foxwoods

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

What's on tap in Connecticut this week? Two British Invasion tributes. Two jazz saxophonists with Connecticut roots. Two comedians on the same day at the same casino. All this and Goosemas too.

Sea Tea returns

After a few weeks on hiatus, Sea Tea Comedy Theater, 15 Asylum St., Hartford, is back with a full schedule of sketch comedy and other fun, including a "Sea Tea Family Show!" Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. where kids get to be part of the performance. \$5-\$10. seateaimprov.com.

'Pang' singer

Connecticut-raised indie pop icon Caroline Polachek — formerly of the band Chairlift, now a solo artist who's collaborated with the likes of Charli XCX and Fischerspooner — is at College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. \$27.50-\$30. collegestreet-musichall.com.

Saxophone on Sunday

Eclectic saxophonist/composer Colin Walters and his quartet is the latest attraction at the Hartford Public Library's Baby Grand Jazz Series. Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. 500 Main St., Hartford. Free. Live, but also streaming on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. hplct.org.

The bat is back

Connecticut Lyric Opera's production of the party-happy operetta "Die Fledermaus," which is set on New Year's Eve, was sidelined when a cast member contracted COVID. The operetta has happily been rescheduled for two of its original three venues. First up is Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at The Bushnell's Belding Theater, 166 Capitol Ave.,

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Dim the lights!

Hartford Jewish Film Festival to feature 21 films, some live and some streaming

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Tickets are on sale for the 26th annual Mandell JCC Hartford Jewish Film Festival, which features 21 films to be presented live and/or streaming from March 24 to April 10.

Those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 will have to stick with streaming. Ten of the 21 films will be shown live at Mandell Jewish Community Center, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford, and will require proof of vaccination and mask-wearing inside the screening room.

Several documentaries and features shine a light on the Holocaust. Among the other offerings are a classic musical by Yiddish superstar Molly Picon; a doc about funny Jewish women including Sophie Tucker of Hartford; a doc about the inventors of the automat; and a revival of Joan Micklin Silver's Oscar-nominated 1975 drama "Hester Street," the only film that will be shown live only, no streaming.

Streaming windows last 48 hours. Individual tickets for live and virtual screenings are \$12. Household tickets for virtual screenings are \$20. Those who buy tickets to all 20 streamed films get 20% off. Those who stream 10 get 10% off.

Some films are accompanied by virtual



"Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women," a profile of Molly Picon, from left, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein, will be shown at the Mandell JCC Hartford Jewish Film Festival. NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH FILM

talks with commentators. Tickets holders to streamed films will receive a Zoom link to those talks. mandelljcc.org
Here is the lineup.

Features

"Persian Lessons," a Holocaust drama about

a prisoner who pretends to be Gentile. Live: March 24 at 7 p.m. Stream: March 24 at 7 p.m. to March 27 at 7 p.m.

"Plan A," a thriller about Nazi hunters. Live: March 27 at 1 p.m. Stream: March 28 at 7

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

Amistad Center for Art & Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Changing Lanes: Mobility in Connecticut," a show of historic artifacts about the limitations of African Americans' mobility, is up until April 3. amistadcenter.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "Steel, String, Spit Bite: Selections from the LeWitt Collection" is up until March 18. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11, 2023. "The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society" is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford:

The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

The Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road, is showing the artwork of the MCC Visual Fine Arts faculty until March 11. manchestercc.edu.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: "Nothing But Flowers," a group show, is up to March 6. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by

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"Falls Village Winter Field" by Marsha Altemus is on exhibit at David M. Hunt Library in the Falls Village section of Canaan. MARSHA ALTEMUS

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David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenium is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Athenium are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenium is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Athenium is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunnix Road in West Hartford, presents an exhibit of works from the Community Partners in Action Prison Arts Program until Feb. 28. monasterygallery.art

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Perspectives of Home" will be on show to Feb. 25. workspacemanchester.com.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: "Cave Wall Paintings," a show of work by Aaron Caycedo-Kimura, and "Looking Up: My Hudson River Commute," a show of photographs by Katharine Swibold, are up until March 19. "Vex the Ending," a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@my.ethelwalker.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "Liliana Porter: Actualidades / Breaking News" and "Portraits to Gerald Leslie Brockhurst" are up to March 12. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield, presents work by Joe Burger until Feb. 28.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: Up to Feb. 6: A solo show of work by Richard Schlicher and a solo show by the Best of Show winner of the 2021 CT+6 exhibit are up until March 6. westhartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: "Painting Outside the Lines: A Group Exhibition of Work by Paul Baylock, Christine Chaise Greenwood, Kimberly Heil & Lloyd Patrick Henry" is up until Feb. 24. charteroakcenter.org.

Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain: "Foundation Paintings" by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. happeninghere.org/fpp.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: The love-themed group show "Be Mine!" plus solo shows by Stephanie Rogers and by Susan Bradley, are up to March 12. galleryonthegreen.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Art from across the Tracks: A Celebration of our "Studios," a show of work by Andres Chaparro, LeeAnn Cogswell, Cathy Doocy, Michelle Hawran, JoeSam, Adam Lenz, Xarea Lockhart and Amy

Hoffman, is up to March 5. wind-sorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Athenium Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188" is up to May 1. thewadsworth.org.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: "Creativity in the Time of COVID" will be up to Feb. 26. Artists are Paul Abramo, Janet Bristow, James Boyle, Kelly Burns, Michael Burns, Kathy Butler, Luba Eusko, John Fisher, Mark Fox, Nora Fox, Daniel Guarnieri, Saoirse Guarnieri, Irene Hilbert, Nancy Olivia Hoffmann, Stan Klaneski, Calla Kremidas, Seema Mavumkal, Stacie Mawson, Lisa Ochoa, Beverly Pierz, John Wentland and Nancy Wynn. spsact.org.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Brandon Ndife: Down to the Spoons and Forks" and "Dana DeGiulio: Live or Die" will be up to March 6. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People's Republic of China" is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Concealment" runs to March 13. Artists include Diane Ward, Dina Belyayeva, Nancy Dudek, Darla DiRusso, Greg Murry, Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, Regina Thomas, Lauren Mills, Elayne Marholin, Patricia Parente, Patricia Corbett, Ted Genard, Teri Glassman, Vincent Palladino, Stephanie Rogers, Ceal Swift, Claudia van Nes, Dan Dahlstrom, Diane Rubacha, Gloria Nilsson, Kearen Enright, Ned Farrell, Colleen Reilly, Maria Johnson, Maryann Flick, Michael Fanelli, Paul Essendorf, Paul Ramsey and Robert Thomas. spectrumartgallery.org.

New London County

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "First Impressions: Associate Artist Show" is up to Feb. 24. lyneartassociation.org.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "2022 Annual Members and Elected Artists Exhibition" is up until March 6. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825" is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: "Love, Red, Hearts" is up to Feb. 26. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "Coming Out," a show of work by LGBT artists, runs to Feb. 28. lagruacenter.org.

Chauncey Stillman Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Lennart Anderson: A Retrospective" will be up to March



"Gar Waterman: Pest Control" is at Kehler Liddell Gallery in New Haven. GAR WATERMAN

18. lyameacademy.edu.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions" is up to April 24. "Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham" is on view through April 10. lymanallyn.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Milano Chow: Prima Facie," "Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better" and "Karla Knight: Navigator" are up until May 8. "Amaryllis DeJesus Mole-ski: Portal Pieces" is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: "New Members 2022" is up to Feb. 25. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land" is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Print-making in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" and contemprints. org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: "Scratching the Surface: David Haislip" is up until May 27. stillrivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave.: "Parallels: Chloë Lamb and Bill Scott" is up to Feb. 26. hollis-taggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: "Lost and Found," a show of work by new members, is up from Feb. 12 to March 13. loftartists.org.

Art Gallery at Western Connecticut State University, in the Visual & Performing Arts Center on the Westside Campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension in Danbury: "Mohamad Hafez: Unsettled Nostalgia" is up until March 6. wcsu.edu/art/gallery/exhibitions.

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "The Westport Idea," featuring selected works from the Westport Public Art Collections, is up to March 12. mocawestport.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility" is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. "Seeing is Believing: Crossings and Transpositions, Part II" is in the Walsh Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts to March 5. The artists are

He Jiancheng, Xiao Yao Ning, Luo Biwu, Zuo Zeng Yao and Zhang Zeng Min. At the same time, "ink/stone," a show of 15 contemporary Chinese paintings and works on paper, will be on show. fairfield.edu/museum.

New Haven County

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, wiol; be up to April 16. artspace-nh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: "Ebony & Ivory: Black & White Mixed Media, with a splash of color" will be up to Feb. 24. gallery53.org.

Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven: "Made Visible: Through Errors: Work by Binwanka" is up until Feb. 28. creativeartsworkshop.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Phantasmagoria: Ruth Sack" is up from to Feb. 27. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" and "Focus on the Makers: Samplers, Needlework, and Quilts" are up to Feb. 28. "Mixmaster 2022: Juried Members Exhibition is up to March 16. mattmuseum.org.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Valentine Gems," a show of work by Kathy Anderson, Del-Bourree Bach, Patt Baldino, Paul Batch, Julie Beck, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikhov, Kelly Birkenruth, Dan Brown, David Dunlop, Eileen Eder, Jeff Erickson, Vincent Giarrano, Tom Hughes, Susan Jositas, James Magner, Anne McGrory, Leonard Mizerek, Larry Preston, Cindy Precious, Deborah Quinn-Munson, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Kyle Stuckey, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook, will be up to Feb. 28. susan-powellfineart.com.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Pest Control: William Kent, Gar Waterman" is up to March 13. kehlerriddellgal-

lery.com.

Litchfield County

Five Points Annex Gallery, 17 Water St. in Torrington: "Real & Imagined: Tamara Dimitri, Nancy Hayes, Susan Sharp, Lisa Warren and Joan Wheeler" will be up through March 26. fivepointsarts.org/five-points-annex.

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: "Scott Ritter's Churn and Flow" is up to March 26. the-sophiegallery.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Earthly Dreams" will be up until March 19. Artists are Carla Accardi, Moira Dryer, Ruth Duckworth, Pam Glick, Beverly Pepper, Laura de Santillana, Janet Sobel, Ursula von Rydingsvard and Betty Woodman. jamesbarronart.com.

Kent Art Association, 21 South Main St.: Work by local high school students will be up until Feb. 24. kentart.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Cool & Collected '22" will be up until March 13. kbfa.com.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 2 Old Barn Road in Kent: "On Such a Winter's Day," a show of work by Elise Ansel, Dozier Bell, Dina Brodsky, Roz Chast, Emily Eveleth, Leslie Guiliani, Susan Hartnett, Lisa Lebofsky, Matthias Meyer, James Mullen, Tim Nighswander, and Kelly Leahy Radding, will be up until Feb. 27. carolcoreyfineart.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Winter," an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglios, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up until March 20, weekends only. furnace-art-on-paperarchive.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Colored pencil and pastel artworks by Marsha Altemus and assemblage and painting by Roger McKee" will be up to March 11. huntlibrary.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" and "Remembering the Nut Museum: Visionary Art of Elizabeth Tashjian" are up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Contemporary Art Galleries, on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Rafael Concepcion: Where do I know you from?" is up to March 11. contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes" is on view: "Vilde Chayes / Wild Things: Childhood Through the Eyes of Maurice Sendak" is up until March 31. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/

Arts Center East, 7019 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: A fiber arts exhibit is up to Feb. 26. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Visions & Memories," paintings, drawings and collages by Donna O'Scolaigh Lange, is up until Feb. 28. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

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Hartford. https://bushnell.org/shows-concerts/connecticut-lyric-opera-s-die-fledermaus.

Escoffery at cafe nine

cafe nine, fondly known as "the musicians' living room," has a Tuesday night "New Haven Jazz Underground" series that's not really all that underground. On Feb. 22 the featured act is saxophonist Wayne Escoffery, who studied at the Hartt School (and before that at New Haven's Educational Center for the Arts and Neighborhood Music School) before becoming a big deal in the New York City jazz scene, is tonight's host. Escoffery's combo plays a set at 7 p.m., followed by a jam session at 8 p.m. cafenine.com.

Standup theater

Alaudin Ullah has turned his decades as a stand-up comedian, his time growing up as the son of Bengali immigrants growing



Connecticut Lyric Opera had to cancel its December and January performance of "Die Fledermaus," but it's happening now: Feb. 20 at The Bushnell in Hartford and Feb. 27 at Trinity-on-Main in New Britain. CONNECTICUT LYRIC OPERA

up in Spanish Harlem in New York, issues with his family and other personal revelations into a one-man show, "Dishwasher Dreams," that he's performing Feb. 24 through March 20 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St.,

Hartford. Ullah, who turned from stand-up to playwrighting a few years ago, is assisted by acclaimed director Chay Yew and musician Avirodh Sharma, who plays the tabla live onstage. \$30-\$100. hartfordstage.org.

First invasion

"The British Invasion" is a multimedia revue of dozen of pop hits from you-know-where and you-know-when. Some of the singers who recreate these classic '60s songs have musical theater experience, so you can probably extra style, groovy moves and style along with the rocking backup band and video projections. Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Palace Theater, 100 East Main St., Waterbury. \$40-\$70. palacetheaterct.org.

Second invasion

Since an invasion can come from several directions at once, while "The British Invasion" is happening in Waterbury on the very same night, Feb. 26, the band British Invasion Years is at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwood's Road West, Norfolk. They'll do some of the same songs as other British Invasion acts do, but British Invasion Years also does American songs of that time, by such revolutionary acts as Paul Revere and the Raiders. \$32-\$42. infinityhall.com.

Funny at Foxwoods

There are comedy shows in both the big theaters at Foxwoods Resort Casino on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.: Jimmy O. Yang (from "Silicon Valley") in the Great Cedar Showroom (\$25 and \$35) and Canadian comedy star Russell Peters (from "The Indian Detective" and dozens of movies and TV shows) in the larger Premier Theater (\$42-\$72). 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. foxwoods.com.

Goosemas in February

Connecticut's indie-groove exemplars Goose finally get to celebrate Goosemas. The band had to postpone its self-styled winter holiday concert due to COVID exposure back in December. So Goosemas will come twice a year this year, at Feb. 26 at 8 p.m., Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville, and again in December. \$49.50 & \$39.50. mohegansun.com.

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Hollywood’s maestro looks beyond movies

Williams stepping away from film, but isn’t slowing down

By **Javier C. Hernandez**
The New York Times

At the outset of the coronavirus pandemic, when film production came to a halt and recording studios shuttered, John Williams, the storied Hollywood composer and conductor, found himself, for the first time in his nearly seven-decade career, without a movie to worry about.

This, in Williams’ highly ritualized world — mornings spent studying film reels and improvising at his Steinway; a turkey sandwich and glass of Perrier at 1 p.m.; afternoons devoted to revisions — was initially disorienting.

But in the months that followed, Williams came to relish his freedom. He had time to compose a violin concerto, immerse himself in scores by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, and go for long walks on a golf course near his home in Los Angeles.

“I welcomed it,” Williams said. “It was an escape.”

Now the film industry is back in action, and Williams, who recently turned 90, is once again at the piano churning out earworms — pencil, paper and stopwatch in hand.

But Williams, whose music permeates popular culture to a degree unsurpassed by any other contemporary composer, is at a crossroads. Tired of the constraints of film — the deadlines, the need for brevity, the competition with sound effects, the work eating up half a year — he said he will soon step away from movie projects.

“I don’t particularly want to do films anymore,” he said. “Six months of life at

my age is a long time.”

In his next phase, he plans to focus more intensely on another passion: writing concert works, of which he has already produced several dozen. He has visions of another piece for a long-time collaborator, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and he is planning his first proper piano concerto.

“I’m much happier, as I have been during this COVID time, working with an artist and making the music the best you can possibly make it in your hands,” he said.

Yet the legacy of his more than 100 film scores — the “Star Wars,” “Jaws” and “Harry Potter” franchises among them — looms large, to say nothing of his fanfares, themes and celebratory anthems for the likes of NBC’s “Meet the Press,” “Sunday Night Football” and the Olympics.

“He has written the soundtrack of our lives,” said conductor Gustavo Dudamel. “When we listen to a melody of John’s, we go back to a time, to a taste, to a smell. All our senses go back to a moment.”

Williams’ music harks back to an era of Hollywood blockbusters, when crowds gathered at theaters to be transported. He has excelled at creating shared experiences: instilling in every member of an audience the same terror about a menacing shark, conjuring a common exhilaration in watching spaceships take flight.

The pandemic has robbed Hollywood of some of that magic. But Williams’ admirers say his music, with its appeal across cultures and generations, is an antidote to the isolation of the moment.

“We need him more now than we’ve ever needed him before,” said Hans Zimmer, another storied

film composer.

Williams — a fixture in the industry since the 1950s, with 52 Academy Award nominations, second only to Walt Disney, and five Oscars — recognizes that he might be the last of a certain type of Hollywood composer. Grandiose, complex orchestral scores, rooted in European romanticism, are increasingly rare. At many film studios, synthesized music is the rage.

“I feel like I’m sort of sitting on an edge of something,” he said, “and change is happening.”

Born in New York, Williams became interested in composing as a teenager, entranced by the orchestral scores and books brought home by his father, a jazz percussionist.

After stints as a studio pianist in Hollywood in his 20s, he found work as a film and television composer, making his feature film debut at 26, in 1958, with “Daddy-O,” a comedy about street racing.

In the 1970s, Williams’ work caught the attention of Steven Spielberg, then an aspiring filmmaker. The two began a partnership that has spanned a half-century and more than two dozen films, including “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” “Schindler’s List” and “Jaws,” for which Williams’ two-note ostinato became a cultural phenomenon.

“When everyone came out and said Jaws’ scared them out of the water, it was Johnny who scared them out of the water,” Spielberg said. “His music was scarier than seeing the shark.”

In 1974, when he was 42, Williams suffered what he called “the tragedy of my life” when his first wife, actor Barbara Ruick, died suddenly.

“It taught me who I was



John Williams sits Jan. 31 at his Los Angeles home. **CHANTAL ANDERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

and the meaning of my work,” he said, but added that the next several years were difficult, and he struggled as a single parent of three children with a busy career. “Star Wars,” which premiered in 1977, brought a new level of fame and marked the beginning of a four-decade-long project that has encompassed nine films, dozens of musical motifs and more than 20 hours of music.

George Lucas, the creator of “Star Wars,” said Williams was the “secret sauce” of the franchise.

This year, Williams will complete what he expects to be his final two films: “The Fabelmans,” loosely based on Spielberg’s child-

hood, and a fifth installment in the “Indiana Jones” series.

At the end of his film career, Williams is making time to pursue some long-time dreams, including conducting in Europe. His works were once considered too commercial for some of the great concert halls. But when he made his debut with the Vienna Philharmonic in 2020, players asked for photos and autographs.

Williams said he tries not to fixate on age. And he said he does not fear death; he sees life as a dream, at the end of which we awaken.

“Music has been my oxygen,” he said, “and has kept me alive and inter-

ested and occupied and gratified.”

Williams recalled a recent pilgrimage to St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, where Bach once worked as a cantor. He listened intently as a pastor described the efforts to protect the great composer’s remains during World War II; he marveled at the dedication to preserving Bach’s legacy.

On his way out of the church, he paused. An organist was filling the grand space with the hymnlike theme from “Jurassic Park.”

Williams, beaming, turned to the pastor. “Now,” he said, “I can die.”

Festival

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p.m. to March 31 at 7 p.m. Zoom talk with Dina Porat, the author of “Vengeance & Retribution are Mine: The Yishuv, the Holocaust and Abba Kovner’s Avengers” is March 28 at 1:30 p.m.

“**Saviors in the Night;**” about farmers hiding Jews during WWII. Stream: March 29 at 7 p.m. to April 1 at 7 p.m.

“**Mamele;**” Molly Picon’s 1938 Yiddish-language musical. Stream: April 2 at 8 p.m. to April 5 at 8 p.m.

“**Neighbours;**” a story about Jewish and Kurdish children who are friends. Live: March 27 at 3 p.m. Stream: April 7 at 7 p.m. to April 10 at 7 p.m.

“**The Dinner;**” a drama about Russian emigres to Israel. Stream: April 8 at 5 p.m. to April 11 at 7 p.m.

“**Hester Street;**” the 1975 Carol Kane drama about a 19th-century immigrant to New York. Live: April 10 at 1 p.m. No streaming date.

“**Wunderkinder;**” about Soviet musical prodigies during WWII. Live: April 10 at 3 p.m. Stream: April 10 at 7 p.m. to April 13 at 7 p.m.

Documentaries

“**Irmi;**” a profile of Holocaust

escapee Irmi Selver. Stream: March 25 at 5 p.m. to March 28 at 7 p.m.

“**They Ain’t Ready for Me;**” a profile of Chicago anti-violence activist Tamar Manasseh. Live: March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Stream: March 26 at 8 p.m. to March 29 at 8 p.m.

“**Out of Exile;**” a profile of photographer Fred Stein. Stream: March 27 at 7 p.m. to March 30 at 7 p.m. Zoom talk with producer-director Peter Stein is March 29 at 7 p.m.

“**The Adventures of Saul Bellow;**” a profile of the Nobel laureate. Stream: March 27 at 7 p.m. to March 30 at 7 p.m.

“**The Automat;**” a profile of the founders of Horn & Hardart. Live: March 30 at 1:30 p.m., followed by talk with director Lisa Hurwitz. Stream: March 30 at 7 p.m. to April 2 at 9 p.m.

“**The Levys of Monticello;**” a profile of a Jewish family that bought Thomas Jefferson’s home. Stream: March 31 at 7 p.m. to April 3 at 7 p.m.

“**Passage to Sweden;**” a chronicle of Scandinavians who helped save Jews during WWII. Live: April 3 at 5 p.m. Stream: April 1 at 5 p.m. and April 4 at 7 p.m.

“**Making Trouble: Three**

Generations of Funny Jewish Women;” a profile of Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein. Live: April 3 at 3 p.m. Stream: April 5 at 7 p.m. to April 8 at 7 p.m.

“**Love it Was Not;**” a story of an Auschwitz officer in love with a prisoner. Stream: April 3 at 7 p.m. to April 6 at 7 p.m.

“**Tree of Life;**” chronicle of the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue massacre. Stream: April 3 at 7 p.m. to April 6 at 7 p.m. Zoom talk with Pittsburgh Jewish leaders Meryl Kirshner Ainsman and Brian Schreiber on April 5 at 7 p.m.

“**Blue Box;**” a profile of Jewish National Fund’s Joseph Weitz. Stream: April 4 at 7 p.m. to April 7 at 7 p.m. Zoom talk with University of Haifa historian Yechiam Weitz is April 7 at 1:30 p.m.

“**I Am Here;**” a profile of Holocaust survivor Ella Blumenthal. Live: April 5 at 7 p.m. Stream: April 6 at 7 p.m. to April 9 at 9 p.m.

“**Desert Tested;**” about the Susita car, shown with “Space Torah,” about a Torah scroll taken into space. Stream: April 9 at 8 p.m. to April 12 at 8 p.m.

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Vickie Boyer on the boardwalk trail Dec. 3 at Lettuce Lake Conservation Park in Tampa. TODD ANDERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

Making trails accessible

Parks across the country receive requests for accessibility information

By Amanda Morris
The New York Times

Beneath the wooden boardwalk where Syren Nagakyrie, 40, was on a hike through Lettuce Lake Conservation Park in Tampa, Florida, dark shadows of fish moved in the vegetation-clogged waters, while red-eyed herons strode between the cypress roots that stuck out from the water like knobby, twisted knees.

Nagakyrie, who is nonbinary, pointed out a turtle sunning itself on a log. But to see the wildlife, Nagakyrie’s mother, Vickie Boyer, 59, had to lean out of her wheelchair and peer through cracks between the wooden railings. The short wooden boardwalk loop, near Boyer’s home in Riverview, Florida, was supposedly on an accessible trail. Nagakyrie jotted down the railing’s height measurements in a notebook. It was 42 inches, 6 inches higher than what someone using a wheelchair could comfortably see over.

While some organizations offer to have non-disabled people carry, push or otherwise help people with disabilities navigate the outdoors, Nagakyrie, who has conditions that cause chronic pain and fatigue, reflects a growing movement of disabled people pushing for more independent access to the great outdoors, taking steps themselves by publishing trail guides, establishing nonprofits to empower others through equipment, advocacy and training, and testifying before Congress.

Growing interest in outdoor recreation

As a result of the pandemic, more people nationwide have turned to outdoor recreation. A March 2021 report commissioned by the Outdoor Industry Associ-

ation found that 53% of Americans older than 6 participated in outdoor recreation in 2020 — the highest rate on record. Many destinations managed by the National Park Service also welcomed record numbers of visitors in 2020.

As visitation increases, so do the number of visitors with disabilities, said Jeremy Buzzell, an accessibility program manager with the National Park Service.

Last April, several disability activists testified at a hearing on Capitol Hill, in front of members of the House Natural Resources Committee, which oversees the Park Service, to push for greater accessibility in outdoor spaces and call attention to barriers in public parks.

Buzzell said that parks across the country are receiving increased requests for more accessibility information, and the demand prompted the agency to form an Accessibility Task Force and launch a five-year strategy in 2015 to improve accessibility.

More national parks are partnering with local disability organizations to get accessibility, Buzzell said, and the agency is assessing trails to see if there are improvements that could be made that could increase access.

“Very often, even if a trail is not able to meet the letter of the law as an accessible trail, we can still change things to make it more accessible,” Buzzell said.

Hikers want more information

Some outdoors enthusiasts have begun to write their own trail guides for national, local and state parks, such as Nagakyrie. They founded a project called Disabled Hikers to empower others and share detailed trail guides they write. A native of Washington state,

they have already completed close to 200 trail guides, most of which are clustered in the Pacific Northwest.

Nagakyrie was inspired to start this project after struggling to determine which trails they could hike — sometimes trails that were labeled easy presented challenges like stairs or rocky, uneven surfaces that a non-disabled person might not think twice about.

“I’m not out here to tell any individual ‘yes or no, you can or can’t do this trail,’” said Nagakyrie. “I just want to provide information so they can make that decision themselves.”

Rather than only sticking to paved trails, they argue that any trail can be more accessible if disabled hikers are equipped with the right information — and even trails labeled “accessible” can present challenges that park staff don’t always recognize.

Some trail guides are already available for free on the Disabled Hikers website, but Nagakyrie also plans to publish a guidebook, which is available for pre-order. Each trail is given a rating of how many “spoons” it takes to complete, in reference to a popular term used by those with chronic fatigue to describe how much energy they have to complete a given task. The more spoons a task requires, the harder and more energy-consuming it is.

Collaborations to improve access

This is the type of information Georgena Moran would like more available on websites for national, state and local parks. Since being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis two decades ago, Moran, 64, has held on to her identity as an avid outdoor enthusiast. A former canoe racer and scuba diver, she uses her chin to drive her power wheelchair

on hikes near her home in Portland, Oregon. She particularly loves to get off paved trails.

“My adventurous spirit never died because my disability increased,” she said. “I still want to go out and challenge myself as much as possible.”

While she usually brings an able-bodied companion the first time she tries a new hike, she said that going on hikes independently is equally important for her to connect with her spiritual self.

“It’s a way of re-rooting,” she said.

But simple obstacles can prevent her from even getting onto a trail — sometimes there is no available handicapped parking, or curb cuts for her to get out of the parking lot. At the trail head, she has found concrete barriers designed to keep out cars and ATVs but that also block her from entering.

Experiences like these pushed Moran to start Access Recreation, an organization that created guidelines for the type of information parks should provide disabled hikers. The group wrote sample trail guides for around three dozen trails in Oregon with the intention of getting larger organizations involved.

Access Recreation is now working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve accessibility at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge outside of Ridgefield, Washington, with the aim that it will serve as an example for other parks. Juliette Fernandez, a project manager with the Wildlife Service, said the agency is collecting and publishing better information about the trail, as well as installing new signs at the park that blind people can read through touch.

“We can really move mountains with very subtle touches,” she said.

Delta to use bamboo, biodegradable items for some in-flight services

By Kelly Yamanouchi
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Delta Air Lines is switching to bamboo cutlery for fresh packaged meals in first class as part of a broader effort to reduce single-use plastics on flights.

Delta said that and other changes planned for onboard service will reduce its plastic use by about 4.9 million pounds annually.

Atlanta-based Delta said

bamboo cutlery will also be used on some international flights, and starting later this year, main cabin passengers traveling internationally will be served food on dishes made of biodegradable materials.

Some plastic will still be used in the main cabin on domestic flights. Delta uses china to serve fresh non-packaged meals in first class and international business class.

The changes come after Delta in 2018 removed

single-use plastic stir sticks and straws from its flights. Many companies began reducing single-use plastics several years ago, but the pandemic drove the use of disposable items and plastic for hygienic purposes. Delta, for example, temporarily switched to handing out plastic bags with snacks, a wet wipe and a plastic water bottle.

Airlines reduced in-flight service when the pandemic hit, but as travel returns they are gradually bring-

ing back more extensive in-flight service.

In international business class, Delta said it is also switching to “eco-conscious bedding” with fabric made from recycled plastic bottles. The items come in reusable packaging, which it said will reduce single-use plastic usage by as much as 260,000 pounds a year.

Its new kits for international business class will have fewer single-use plastic items than past ones.



Delta is switching to bamboo cutlery in first class with fresh packaged meals. DELTA

Ducks, dung and hay in Eastern Turkey



Rick Steves

I'm in Kastamonu, five hours northeast of the Turkish capital of Ankara. It's a town that has yet to figure out the business of tourism. The business hotel where I'm staying is cheap and comfortable, but not slick. I hand a postcard to the boy at the desk, hoping he can mail it for me. He looks it over a couple of times on both sides, compliments me, and politely hands it back. As I leave, he raises his right hand and says, "Hello."

While changing money, I'm spotted by the bank manager, who invites me into his office for tea. I am his first American customer, so he wants to celebrate. Outside, a gaggle of men wearing grays, blacks and browns are shuffling quietly down the street in a funeral procession. A casket floats over them as each man jostles to the front to pay his respects by "giving it a shoulder." Turkey is a land of ceremonies. Everyday life here is punctuated with colorful, meaningful events. I'm always on the lookout, traveling with sharp eyes, hoping to add to my knowledge of the folk culture. Who knows, as the dust from the funeral procession clears, I may see a proud 8-year-old boy dressed like a prince or a sultan on a horse — riding to his ritual circumcision.

My plan is to continue driving inland, exploring further into Anatolia. While Istanbul and the Western coast get the lion's share of Turkey's tourism, I'm looking for maximum cultural thrills, so I know I should head east.

Under 10,000-foot peaks, my guide and I drive up



A few of Turkey's friendly faces. RICK STEVES/RICK STEVES' EUROPE

onto the burned, barren, 5,000-foot-high Anatolian plateau to Erzurum, the main city of eastern Turkey. Life is hard here. Blood feuds, a holdover from justice under the Ottomans, are still a leading cause of imprisonment. Winters are below-zero killers. Villages spread out onto the plateau like brown weeds, each with the same economy: ducks, dung and hay. But Allah has given this land some pleasant surprises. It's a harsh land, but gentle at the same time. The parched plain hides lush valleys where rooftops sport colorful patches of sun-dried apricots. You can crack open the sweet, thin-shelled hazelnuts with your

teeth. Teenage boys prefer girls who dress modestly, and shepherd children still play the eagle-bone flute.

Entering a village, we pass under a banner announcing, "No love is better than the love for your land and your nation." The town takes us warmly into its calloused hands. A man with a donkey cart wheels us on an impromptu tour. Each house wears a tall hat of hay — food for the cattle and insulation for the winter. Mountains of cow pies are neatly stacked, promising warmth and cooking fuel for the six months of snowed-in winter on the way. Veiled mothers strain to look through my camera's view-

finder to see their children's mugging faces. The town's annually elected policeman brags that he keeps the place safe from terrorists. Children scamper around women who are busy beating raw wool with sticks — a rainbow of browns that will one day be woven into a carpet to soften a stone sofa, warm up a mud-brick wall, or serve as a daughter's dowry.

Driving east from Erzurum, we set our sights on the northeast corner of Turkey, marked by the 17,000-foot summit of Mount Ararat. Villages growing between ancient rivers of lava expertly milk the land for subsistence living. After a quick reread

of the flood story in Genesis, I think that this stark, sun-drenched, and wind-swept land has changed little since Noah docked.

On a ridge high above our car, I can make out the figure of a lone man silhouetted against a bright blue sky waving at us. The sight reminds me that this is a part of West Asia where mighty nations come together, denying the Kurds who live here a land of their own. The lone sentry is one of 10 million Kurdish Turks; many of them would like their own country. The turmoil in Iraq — and the prospect that those Kurds could form an autonomous nation — has reignited this prickly issue. One thing is

for sure: Turkey does not want to share a border with an independent Kurdistan.

When I get up early the next morning to see the sun rise over Mount Ararat, I also see a long convoy of Turkish army vehicles. It reminds me that our world is a complicated place in which the daily news is just a shadow play of reality. What's so often missing is humanity. And to get that, you need to travel.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

'Promised Land' star saving for safari trip

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Mariel Molino said that landing a starring role on ABC's "Promised Land" was one of her biggest acting accomplishments. It's also the first major part where she speaks in English, rather than Spanish. The Los Angeles-based actor, who portrays Carmen Sandoval, pointed out that there are challenges to acting in either language. "When I act in Spanish, it brings out so many different emotions in me because it is my maternal language," Molino said. "And yet, because I did not learn Spanish in school, I also had difficulty with the grammar and pace when I worked in Mexico. Now when I act in English, it comes out naturally and effortlessly. But there are still so many things I would love to communicate in Spanish that just aren't the same in English. I'm what you would call a pocha — I'm always speaking in Spanglish. "I relate to (my character) because I am also first-generation American. Both my parents immigrated to the United States from Mexico."

Q: Overall, do you enjoy traveling for work?

A: Yes, traveling for work is a lot of fun. You get to be in a new place (and see) new sights and new people — and you get to bond a lot more with your cast, because you're basically stuck with each other. We had that experience when we shot the pilot for "Promised Land." We were all at the same hotel in Atlanta and got to discover this new city with each other as a cast. It's why we are so close today.



"Promised Land" star Mariel Molino said she was in Paris when she learned her series had been picked up. JP RUBIO

Q: Are you a fan of road trips?

A: Yes! My mom and I did a couple of road trips. Zion was magical in all its natural splendor. We also went to Charleston, S.C., which is a beautiful coastal town.

Q: Have you had to cancel any trips due to the pandemic?

A: I did have to cancel a trip to Mexico City recently because I got COVID.

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: Peru has been one of my favorite places to visit. The Inca Trail that takes you to Machu Picchu is a must-see. You can snowboard down the desert mountain in Paracas — probably the coolest thing we ever did.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: It's not so untapped, but Patagonia is probably the most adventurous trip I've had. We got to hike a glacier in Argentina (and saw) some of the most incredible natural sites I have ever seen.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: The first trip that I remember was Tahiti. We were fortunate enough to

know some locals, so we discovered so many tiny undisclosed islands. I still remember how they would climb the trees knocking off fresh coconuts that we ate under the palm trees. Wow, it's taking me back. I loved it.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Money is never wasted on travel.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: One of my favorite memories was this past summer. I took my mom on a trip to Portugal and Paris. We were in the Jardin des Tuileries together around sunset. That day, I got a call that "Promised Land" had been picked up for a series. My biggest accomplishment yet! I got to celebrate it with my mom in one of the greatest cities in the world.

Q: What would be your dream trip?

A: I am saving up to do a safari in Africa. I am dying to see chimpanzees in their natural habitat. There are a lot of places to camp in the middle of the jungle. That excites me and terrifies me all at once.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Travel agency canceled flight but didn't tell her

By Christopher Elliott | King Features Syndicate

Q: Last year, I bought round-trip tickets through MyFlightSearch for my husband and me on Sun Country from Minneapolis to Newark. MyFlightSearch charged us \$477 for these tickets.

The night before our flight, we tried to print our boarding passes on the Sun Country website but got the response that we had to check in at the airport. When we got to the check-in desk, a representative told us our tickets were not valid. Sun Country staff called MyFlightSearch and found out that they had canceled our reservations. We had to book a new, more expensive flight to Newark.

Neither Sun Country nor MyFlightSearch had notified us of this cancellation. While we were at the check-in desk, someone from MyFlightSearch called me on my cellphone and told me that he had emailed a notice to me. However, when I told him that there had been no emails or other contacts from MyFlightSearch after we received the e-tickets, he admitted that he had not, in fact, notified me but that he "had tried to." He said that the amount that I had been charged was refunded to my credit card account.

Neither Sun Country nor MyFlightSearch was willing to take any responsibility for canceling our tickets without notice. Sun Country charged us \$1,279 in airfare when the original price we paid for our round-trip flights was \$477. We also had to fly into Hartford instead of Newark and get additional ground transportation from Hartford to Newark the same day at our own expense.

After I got home, I checked my credit card statements and found that MyFlightSearch had paid Sun Country a total of \$477 in two transactions — one for \$40 and one for \$437. I received only the \$437. I called MyFlightSearch and asked for the \$40 back, and it agreed to refund the money in 7 to 10 days to my account. It's been weeks and I haven't received the refund. Can you help?

— Donna Fredkove, Minnetonka, Minnesota

A: The \$40 charge is a booking fee associated with your reservation. You deserve a refund of both the fee and your fare. Actually, you should get more than that, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

Of course, MyFlightSearch should have notified you when it canceled your flight. It should have owned the cancellation instead of first telling you that it had notified you, then admitting it didn't. It should have offered the "prompt personal attention to your travel-related queries and requirements" that it promises on its site.

These online agencies are highly automated, so something didn't work as it should have. You didn't want to cancel your flight, so MyFlightSearch shouldn't have canceled it.

The "check with us at the counter" warning is an

enormous red flag. When you see that, it's time to call the airline. It may be nothing. But in my experience, it often is a sign that something has gone terribly wrong.

You might have reached out to an executive at Sun Country to figure out what happened and to ask for some kind of compensation.

I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the Sun Country executives on my consumer advocacy nonprofit site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/sun-country-airlines/. I think Sun Country could have assisted you when your agent canceled your flight, helping you get to Newark at a reasonable price. Looking at your correspondence, it seems you paid hundreds of dollars

extra. It might consider refunding part of that.

Ultimately, this was for your online travel agency to fix. I think it should repay your \$40 booking fee immediately and consider covering your additional flight costs.

I contacted MyFlightSearch on your behalf. It refunded its booking fee but would not cover your additional costs. Maybe next time you should consider booking directly with your airline — or using a human travel agent.

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CELEBRITIES

Maddie Ziegler coming into her own

By Joshua Axelrod
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Maddie Ziegler can chart her rise to movie stardom based on what her fans call her when they see her on the street.

Early in her career, they said, “You’re Maddie from ‘Dance Moms!’,” referring to the Lifetime reality show where she started dancing when she was 8 years old. A few years later, fans began saying, “You’re Maddie from ‘Chandelier!’” as Ziegler starred in music videos for pop star Sia.

After working with Steven Spielberg on his “West Side Story” remake and starring in the drama “The Fallout,” the refrain has mostly become simply, “Oh my gosh, are you Maddie Ziegler?!”

“I thought I would only be recognized for one thing my whole life,” Ziegler, now 19, said. “It’s really cool that people are able to find me in other things and not know me just from a reality show.”

“West Side Story” featured Ziegler showing off her years of dance training as the Jets-aligned Velma. She has an even bigger role as Mia Reed in “The Fallout,” which dropped in January on HBO Max. Ziegler’s Mia is a rich influencer who befriends Vada (Jenna Ortega) after they both survive a school shooting.

Working on “West Side Story” served as an introduction to big-budget moviemaking for Ziegler. She was only 16 when she stepped onto Spielberg’s set, which was intimidating at first before she realized that the famous director was “so incredibly nice and grounded and collaborative.”

Since Ziegler was always dancing with a partner on “West Side Story,” she had to build a lot of trust with fellow cast members. Though she and other



Maddie Ziegler arrives for the Dec. 7 premiere of “West Side Story” in Los Angeles. VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP

female dancers had to perform the movie’s “hard-core choreography” while wearing heels, working on a massive Hollywood movie musical was more than worth it, she said.

“It was the craziest experience ever, and I’ll never forget it. ... I just had the best time ever and I learned so much,” she said

“The Fallout” was a smaller project, but it allowed Ziegler to show off her acting chops. Written and directed by Megan Park, the film deals honestly with “uncomfortable situations and conversations” around school shootings, she said.

Ziegler’s dance moves for Mia’s highly viewed social media videos helped her flesh out the character. “Personally, I feel like she has a need to be wanted and a need to feel less alone,” Ziegler said of Mia. “I think the one creative outlet in her life and the one part of her that wasn’t lonely was dance.

I relate to that in a lot of ways. ... It was the one thing in her life that would always show up for her.”

Though Ziegler will always love dance, she hopes to focus on acting going forward.

“I hope people will see a different side of me and take me seriously as an actor because I genuinely love acting so much,” she said. “I very much hope to continue doing projects, especially ones that have a powerful meaning to them. I’m so open to the opportunities that might come my way.”

Feb. 20 birthdays: Singer Buffy Sainte-Marie is 81. Actor Brenda Blethyn is 76. Actor Sandy Duncan is 76. Actor Peter Strauss is 75. Actor Joel Hodgson is 62. Model Cindy Crawford is 56. Actor Jay Hernandez is 44. Actor Chelsea Peretti is 44. Musician Chris Thile is 41. Actor Jessie Mueller is 39. Comedian Trevor Noah is 38. Singer Rihanna is 34.



ASK AMY

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A grandmother’s thanks was in the ‘male’

Dear Amy: Something is bothering me that I just can’t shake, and I’d welcome your opinion.

My husband and I have three young grandchildren who live across the country. We use FaceTime to stay in touch.

Yesterday while chatting with the kids (all younger than 10), I mentioned that “the mailman” delivered their Christmas thank-you notes.

Off-camera, I heard my daughter-in-law say: “mailPERSON.”

I was a little hurt and a lot irritated that she would correct me like that.

My intention was simply to thank the kids for their notes, not to become an example of how ignorant grandparents can be.

Am I overreacting?
— *Just Wondering*

Dear Wondering: I have to laugh (a little bit) because for many readers, the headline here will be: “Three Children Reported to Have Written Thank-You Notes. Story at 11!”

So — this mom has done a good thing in teaching your grandchildren to express their appreciation in this way.

And — it seems that maybe she can’t stop teaching, although her correction of mailman to “mailPERSON” prompted another chuckle (from me), because I do believe that the correct and gender-free description of the person doing this job is either “postal worker” or “letter carrier.”

And you can understand why this is: MailPERSON, when spoken, sounds like “Male person,” which sort of defeats the purpose. I can understand why

this failed correction rankled you, but I hope you will shake it off as the actions of an engaged mom who was over-parenting in the moment.

Dear Amy: I’m all for asking what “sparks joy” and what doesn’t as I go through periodic pandemic-inspired cleaning-out of closets, files, etc., throughout our house.

It’s gone well — for the most part. But what am I to do with things I no longer want that are not worth donating, but I can’t bear to just toss in the trash?

For instance: An old, well-loved but falling-apart stuffed panda bear from the 1950s that originally belonged to my aunt.

I have a number of things that would fall into this category.

Yes, I can thank it, hug it, take a picture — but then, yikes — tossing it just seems more than I can manage. Help!

— *Stuck with the Memories*

Dear Stuck: Researching your question, I happened upon a discussion thread on Reddit (reddit.com) detailing various “toy hospitals” that repair well-loved but “injured” stuffed animals.

I read tales of school nurses, veterinarians and overall good and kind souls who will restuff and stitch up a stuffed toy in special “clinics.”

Having this panda repaired would definitely qualify as an “heroic measure,” but doing so and then bestowing this animal on a child (who might continue to love it well) would qualify as a lovely and satisfying mitz-

vah that might then give you the strength to put the other odds and ends in a cardboard box at the end of your driveway with a sign marked “FREE” on it.

I’m sure readers will weigh in with suggestions.

Dear Amy: I’m a retired health care professional. Currently I work part time caring for the elderly in their homes and have been for about five years.

I’m responding to the recent question from “Worried,” regarding the home care workers they had hired to care for their 100-year-old father, who were then hitting the family up for loans and financial gifts.

It is well-worth the money to perform an intensive background check on any person who one may hire.

If a caregiver starts asking clients about loans, etc., that person should be dismissed.

Acquiring a caregiver via word of mouth is, in my humble opinion, still the best. Agencies do not seem to screen well.

— *Mary Ann, RRT/Nurse Practitioner*

Dear Mary Ann: As our population continues to age, and our health care and family systems are stretched to the max, homecare workers are an extremely important (and often underpaid) sector of our economy.

Thank you for doing this work, and for your useful advice.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today may bring a heated argument. It might be uncomfortable. You could avoid a shouting match by taking things one step at a time. That doesn’t mean you need to grit your teeth if someone oversteps your boundaries!

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Complaining about a bad situation could be worth it — especially if you’re being asked to complete a task that really isn’t your responsibility. If you’re constantly carrying someone else’s weight, you need to stand up for yourself. You’ll probably feel much better once you’ve said your piece.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Jealousy could be a problem for you. You could be more demanding than usual. Your insecurities are showing. Stay calm and avoid causing irritation. Once the current tempestuous energy blows over, you will look back and wonder what you were making such a fuss about.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): It can be all too easy to get into a battle. It doesn’t matter precisely what’s causing the issue, but as far as you’re concerned, someone isn’t pulling their weight. Are you sure that this someone isn’t you? It would be a good idea to make sure that you’re in a good position to criticize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Acting without thinking could be your downfall. If you’ve always treated a certain person in a particular way, thinking of them differently might not be easy. You may need to accept your mistaken idea of this person graciously and make plans not to repeat it in the future.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Prioritizing your budget today could help you fend off financial problems. You don’t have to be too strict, but it would be easy to overspend on the basis that you deserve a little luxury in your life — even though you probably do deserve it! Sometimes saving money is more important than instant gratification.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your instincts could let you down. Offering some emotional support to someone could give you a warm glow, but you can’t be there for everyone. Watch out for people who want to take advantage of you — especially if it seems like they won’t take no for an answer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This could be the kind of day when you can’t even get around to procrastinating. You might simply have to accept that you’re not at your most productive. As long as you pay attention to the essentials, it’s worth stepping back and resting. Recover and face the world once the skies are clearer.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Declining a request from an acquaintance may be difficult. It could be baffling why they’re asking you at all. It doesn’t matter if they say they don’t have anyone else to ask or if they think you have a strong connection. All that matters is whether or not you’re comfortable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Balancing your personal and work life can frustrate you right now. Venting your frustrations could cause you hassle if the wrong people hear about it. Keeping your own counsel may be the best way of protecting your reputation. That said, there’s nothing to stop you from keeping notes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Having your opinions challenged might be annoying. You could have your mind made up about something and take offense at someone trying to change it. It could be worth listening to them. It would be dangerously easy to insult someone, so consider doing some research.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Going with the flow should be easier than ever at this time. There’s no harm in having a bit of lazy time to relax. You might even want to ask for help — though you should be prepared in case the answer is no. Getting indignant if someone wants your assistance would be a waste of energy.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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For the small, burrowing insectivores, their daily routine was —

SAME “MOLE”, SAME “MOLE”

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Feb. 20, 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Jacobson v.

Massachusetts, upheld compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public’s health.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

In 1987, a bomb left by Unabomber Ted Kaczynski exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City.

In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies’ figure skating gold medal at the Nagano Olympics; Michelle Kwan won the silver.

In 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

On the Job

MY PET WORLD

Owner feels like she’s walking on eggshells around dog

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I have a 1-year-old rescue dog who came from a shelter. He is sweet and loving with my husband and kids and our parents; however, he gets nervous with anyone new coming to the home and will growl and snap. I took him to reactive dog training, but it has not gotten better. This is his second home that I know of. I do not want to give up on him but need guidance on how to train him to be OK with new people. My kids are teenagers and have friends coming and going. I feel like I am living on eggshells.
— Nicole Velozo, via the internet

Dear Nicole: While there are things you can do to increase his comfort around people, when a dog is aggressive and can’t be persuaded otherwise, it’s time to bring in a professional dog trainer. They will observe what your dog’s doing, what you’re doing, and give you a custom program to address his specific behaviors. Until you find a trainer though, you can expose him to people gradually. Go outside and ask a friend or family member to stand about 20 feet away. Make sure your dog is on a leash. Ask your helper to toss high-value (yummy) treats over to the dog for the next five minutes while you two talk to each other. (Do not talk to the dog.) Do this twice a day for five minutes. Over time, your friend or family should be able to move closer to you both each time. The idea is to get your dog to associate good things with people who are approaching. If you don’t see some results after a few weeks, please get a professional dog trainer to help.

Dear Cathy: When I adopted our 7-year-old cat, Darla, my wife and I were



While there are things you can do to increase his comfort around people, when a dog is aggressive it’s time to bring in a professional dog trainer. PANUPONG PONCHAI/DREAMSTIME

told to isolate her from our other 9-year-old cat, Columbia. Both cats are female. We were told by the shelter that it is in the best interest of the new cat to keep them separated. We found that this was the worst advice ever. We did isolate her for eight days, and when we opened the door for her to come out, Darla wouldn’t budge. The next day I picked up Darla and took her into the living room and put her on the floor. She found a spot to hide in the hide-a-bed couch and wouldn’t come out. We took the cushions off the

couch and put her food and water bowl on the couch and waited. In the evening, she finally came out to eat. My wife and I were watching TV at the time and Darla would take a bite of food and look up to watch the television. We let the situation stay like this overnight and, as they say, the rest is history. Darla is the sweetest most lovable cat anyone could hope for. She and Columbia tolerate each other so I guess you could say they are getting along. They chase each other through the house and have their silly little spats but

nothing gets out of hand. I guess what I’m trying to say is that maybe isolating an animal is not always the best answer. We got a diamond in the rough with Darla.
— Dennis, Austintown, Ohio

Dear Dennis: With any animal, it’s always good to give deference to the animal living in the home, which means one shouldn’t just bring an animal into the home and expect the resident pet to be OK with it. Isolating new cats initially can help each feline get used to the

other before a face-to-face meeting. What needed to happen is a scent swap during that time, which involves swapping out blankets and toys between the new and resident cat, so each cat gets the chance to smell the other cat’s distinct scent. You also can switch the cats — putting the resident cat into the room temporarily and the new cat into the house to explore. This process should only take a few days. If everyone in the home seems content, then open the door and let the cats meet. There will be some initial hissing as the

resident cat communicates his or her territory. As long as they are only hissing and chasing and not physically fighting with each other, things should work out just fine. Most cats quickly work out their territories, especially if there is just one other feline in the home.

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A sign on the bathroom door would alleviate awkwardness



Dear Miss Manners: I work in a business where the door to the men’s room is the traditional type of door you would find in a residence. In other words, it has a doorknob that you turn to gain entry, as opposed to a door that you simply push to enter and that automatically closes. I have a long-running debate with a co-worker who always completely closes the door after using the room. When I see that the door is closed, I assume the restroom is occupied, and therefore suspend my business until I see that the door has been left ajar. At some point, I am forced to knock on the door. I am hesitant to do this, because if someone is in there, I have just interrupted their privacy. I have talked with my co-worker until I’m blue in the face, but he will not change his behavior. His argument is that seeing a toilet from the hallway is unsightly, and therefore his action is helping project a cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing public area. I don’t disagree with his logic, but would it hurt to leave the door mostly closed and send the signal that the room is unoccupied? He has agreed to abide by your opinion on this matter.

Gentle reader: You neglect to mention whether you will also abide by Miss Manners’ decision. She asks only because you are both right, and you are both wrong. Office decorum accepts on faith that the toilet facilities are fully equipped without requir-

ing — or wanting — visual confirmation. Perhaps your door is well-behaved enough to remain slightly open without also revealing what lies beyond. In this case, a half-open-door policy is acceptable. A closed-door policy is also allowed — if those on the other side understand it and do not, as you fear, jump when they hear the inevitable knock. A third solution would be a reversible sign on the door like the ones that warn other members of the household whether the dishes in the dishwasher are dirty or clean. This would not be acceptable at home, where it is easier to know who is where. How much of the office will need to be consulted to agree on a solution will depend on office culture — and how much actual work there is keeping people busy. Miss Manners’ only preference is that, if you agree on a reversible sign, you choose one whose message is businesslike.

Dear Miss Manners: A woman in my neighborhood was recently horrified and heartbroken when she witnessed a coyote taking away her cat. I understand the trauma this caused. However, I had to applaud the wisdom of nature. I had been equally aghast when that \$@%#* cat crushed one, then another, then a third hummingbird right outside the window where I enjoy my morning coffee. Fortunately, my coffee cup was in the saucer or I would have lost it. I know there is plenty of evidence that loose cats kill millions of birds each year. This is not nature; it’s irresponsible people imposing their pet preferences on the rest of us and the birds.

Gentle reader: Since nature has taken its course,

Miss Manner trusts that you will now go against yours and be kind to this woman when you see her. She has lost her cat to the circle of life — and your theory about nature’s morality will not likely ease the pain.

Miss Manners: I have a friend who, each time I bring to their attention that they have upset or offended me, responds by rolling their eyes and saying that I am impossible. Typically, I will state, “I feel that I am the only one in our friendship making an effort to hang out” or “I feel that I wasn’t supported, even after you offered to support me.” This is always met with redirection back to me — that I am hot-and-cold and a laundry list of other things. What advice do you have for dealing with friends/family/people who simply cannot receive constructive criticism?

Gentle reader: How often are you giving it to them? It is not that Miss Manners doubts you, but she does often hear from people who are being constantly nitpicked. Presuming that you are justified and your friend is thoughtlessly ignoring you, you may politely declare the friendship to be on hold. For lack of sufficient reciprocity, you may say, “You seemed so busy of late that I didn’t want to bother you.” This also applies for lack of support, when they wonder why you no longer seek their counsel.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Finding an appropriate dress for every wedding occasion



Dear Answer Angel Ellen: During the pandemic, for the most part, my biggest fashion decision has been what color sweatshirt I would wear. My question is, I’m going to a wedding in March (first one in a couple of years). I’m wearing a black with white polka-dot midi skirt, black dressy blazer and black lacey camisole. Can I wear black suede pumps that have some black leather trim on them? Or is it too close to spring? I think I’ve lost my confidence in making fashion decisions during the pandemic!
— Joni G.

Dear Joni: Wear those shoes, Joni. Like so many fashion “rules,” these days they’re made to be broken. Lots of us wear suede shoes year-round. My advice on wedding wear is pretty simple: Don’t steal attention from the bride. A super short dress, or one so low cut that it could be distracting to others? Those are to be avoided. Your outfit sounds perfect. And if the suede pumps aren’t made for dancing, bring along some shoes that are. Many brides nowadays wear sneakers with their wedding gowns or at least switch to them on the dance floor, and you should too.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: You recently answered a question from Harry W. regarding what to wear to a black tie event. You suggested, for men, they wear a purchased, rented or borrowed tuxedo. My question is, what do you suggest for women? I am



Answer Angel Ellen Warren’s advice on wedding wear is pretty simple: Don’t steal attention from the bride. **DREAMSTIME**

invited to a black tie only wedding this summer. Do I wear a full-length gown? Can I wear a dress with summery colors or must I wear formal colors like black or navy? I am thrilled to be invited, and want to be dressed appropriately for the occasion.
— Barb W.

Dear Barb: Long or short for a formal wedding is always a quandary. If the wedding is in the daytime, midcalf or shorter is what you want. (Maxis for beach weddings are OK too.) For evening, any length goes. But, if you are unsure, why not ask the bride, her mother or someone close to the family what they recommend? Wear any colors you choose (even black or white). Moving on: Renting formalwear is not just for men. There are options for renting formal (and informal) clothing for women too but unlike men’s tux sites, most women’s rental sites require a subscription. Read the fine print!

If it’s a formal work event, some companies will pay the rental cost for men’s tuxedos or women’s formalwear. Let’s hear from readers who have recommendations for one-time-only women’s dress rental sites (no subscriptions).

Reader Rant
From Pamela J.: Will you remind readers that tights aren’t pants! It’s almost obscene when women wear opaque tights with just a blouse or shirt. They leave nothing to the imagination. From Ellen: I’ve said this before. Skintight leggings (like you might wear for exercise) aren’t pants either.

Now it’s your turn
Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel ellen@gmail.com.

Why dentists are prescribing fewer opioids

They're turning more to alternatives to manage pain

By Emily Mullin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

If you've ever had a root canal or tooth extraction, you might have been handed a prescription for Vicodin or another opioid painkiller to help you recover after your procedure.

Opioids have routinely been prescribed to adults and children for dental procedures for decades, and dentists are among the top prescribers of the drugs after family physicians, responsible for an estimated 1 in 10 opioids in the United States.

But prescriptions for the powerful narcotics have fallen in recent years, as the opioid crisis has underscored the need to be more judicious when prescribing the drugs. Dentists are increasingly turning to alternatives to manage pain — and patients don't seem to mind.

"I found through my own experience treating patients at Children's Hospital that we could take a non-opioid approach for pretty significant surgeries and patients have a more than adequate experience," said Dr. Bernard Costello, dean of Pitt's School of Dental Medicine.

The evidence supports that. Studies have shown that non-opioid medications can work as well or even better for managing pain after dental work.

Costello said he used to prescribe opioids to patients on a "just-in-case" basis so that they'd have them on hand if needed. But now he's shifted to a "break glass" approach, in which he only prescribes them after non-opioid medications don't work.

In 2019, Pitt Dental Medicine adopted opioid-free pain management guidelines for most of the procedures performed in



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its clinics. The guidelines take into account severity, duration and individual risk considerations when prescribing pain medications for patients. In the first year after implementing the plan, opioid prescriptions fell by 54%, according to Costello. In the second year, they decreased by another 48%.

In December, the dental school pledged that it would incorporate responsible pain management into student and resident training as part of their curriculum. Costello said training the next generation of dentists is key to preventing misuse of the drugs.

The shift to using fewer opioids is happening across the country. In a study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine in December, researchers found that the amount of opioids prescribed by dentists fell by about 41%

from 2008 to 2018. That was similar to the decrease in opioids prescribed by primary care physicians but not as steep as the decline by some other medical specialists, like surgeons, oncologists and emergency physicians.

"I think they really have tried to get away from clinically unnecessary prescribing," said Dr. Bradley Stein, senior physician policy researcher at the RAND Corporation's Pittsburgh office, and an author on the study.

That's good news for worried patients and parents of teenagers, whose first exposure to opioids is often after having wisdom teeth removed. Around 5 million people a year get their wisdom teeth removed, many of them teenagers and young adults. Avoiding prescribing opioids to this group could reduce the risk of abuse, misuse and addiction later on in life.

A 2018 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that young people ages 13 to 30 who filled an opioid prescription immediately before or after they had their wisdom teeth out were more than twice as likely to fill two or more prescriptions in the next year compared with peers who got their wisdom teeth out but never filled an opioid prescription.

"There really is a societal benefit of trying to help dentists more thoughtfully prescribe and manage pain because then you're avoiding exposing younger individuals to opioids who may not be exposed otherwise," Stein said.

Managing pain without opioids

James Boyle, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in York, Pennsylvania, said there are several ways to manage pain without the use of opioids.

Dentists sometimes recommend that patients take Advil or Motrin before a surgery to start building up the medication in their system so they're not "chasing the pain," said Boyle. This helps minimize the discomfort before it begins.

After surgery, patients can take over-the-counter drugs in the category known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, which include ibuprofen, naproxen and aspirin. These drugs help with pain by reducing inflammation at the site where it's occurring.

Patients can also take acetaminophen safely with an NSAID since they work in different ways. Acetaminophen, or Tylenol, blocks the transmission of pain signals in the central nervous system. Dentists may prescribe acetaminophen or an NSAID at higher doses to patients.

In addition to non-opi-

oid medications, there are other ways to manage pain after a dental procedure. Patients should eat soft foods for the first 24 hours after a dental surgery.

"Get your favorite flavor of ice cream," Dr. Boyle said. Mashed potatoes, scrambled eggs and oatmeal are all good choices. Patients should avoid anything hot, such as soup and coffee. Spicy and chewy foods should also be avoided.

Keeping your head elevated is also important in the first day or so after a dental surgery. Dr. Boyle instructs patients to relax and watch a movie and keep ice on their face as often as possible. Ice not only decreases inflammation and swelling but also numbs the pain.

Taking opioids responsibly

Most opioid prescriptions for dental procedures are intended to provide medication for only a few days, but even when they're prescribed by a doctor, they can lead to addiction, overdose or death. Patients should never take prescription opioids in higher amounts or more often than they're prescribed.

"Narcotics are prescribed with very specific directions," Boyle said. He said you should talk to your doctor before your procedure about how much and how often to take your medication.

Your pharmacy will also provide an insert with information on how to take your medication and when to call your doctor. When you pick up your prescription, most pharmacists will warn you about medications you shouldn't take with an opioid prescription. For instance, taking sleep aids with opioid painkillers can increase the risk of overdose. You should also not drink alcohol while taking opioids, as mixing the two could cause nausea and vomiting, headaches, fainting or trouble breathing.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Adding magnesium to your diet may banish migraines

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I suffered with migraines for over 20 years and also had chronic constipation. A friend gave me an article linking low magnesium levels with migraine. I began to supplement with 400 milligrams per day and gradually reduced this to a maintenance dosage of 250 milligrams. I have not had a migraine since I started taking magnesium.

My naturopath also boosted my daily vitamin D3 dose. The two, in combination, appear to have reduced calcium deposits in my breasts as shown in the 3D mammogram I had a year after I increased the D3. I've learned that D3 and magnesium help the body metabolize calcium better.

A: Research suggests a relationship between low magnesium and migraine headaches (British Journal of Nutrition, Jan. 17, 2022). In this study, women whose diets supplied adequate magnesium, calcium, vitamin A, vitamin B2, vitamin B6, vitamin C and vitamin K were less likely to suffer migraines.

The relationship between magnesium and vitamin D is complicated. Adequate vitamin D helps improve magnesium absorption from the digestive tract. At the same time, magnesium is essential for vitamin D metabolism. Taking large doses of vitamin D when magnesium is low could further deplete the body of this essential mineral (American Journal of Therapeutics, January/February 2019). Both



Research suggests a relationship between low magnesium and migraine headaches. DREAMSTIME

nutrients are also crucial to calcium utilization. Thanks for sharing your experience.

Q: My husband recently grabbed a hot pan from the stove. His fingertips were VERY red and beginning to blister. He immediately ran them under cold water. When he sat down, I gave him a bowl of cold ice water to put his fingers in. That got to be too much after a while. I suggested going to urgent care, but he wouldn't. So I used a remedy you have described. I found a disposable nitrile glove and squirted yellow mustard into the fingers. He agreed to wear it and kept it on for about two hours. He took it off and washed his hands before bed. The next day his fingers looked fine — no blister, no pain. He said, "I thought it was a crazy idea, but it really worked."

A: We first heard about the mustard remedy from a caller on our nationally syndicated public radio show. He insisted that applying plain mustard to a burn would both ease

the pain and reduce the redness.

Although we were initially skeptical, many readers have subsequently described the benefit. We suspect that cold, inexpensive yellow mustard is the preferred strategy. Your use of disposable gloves was a new twist. Previously, we had heard of using such a glove with soy sauce instead of mustard to ease a burn.

Q: I sent your article about using Certo for joint pain to a friend. All she found in the grocery store was liquid Certo. My friend wants to know if the liquid will work. If so, how much should she take with grape juice?

A: Certo is liquid plant pectin. This product is sold in supermarkets for home cooks who want to thicken jams and jellies. Some people take 2 teaspoons of Certo in 3 ounces of grape juice three times a day. Others use 1 tablespoon of liquid pectin in 8 ounces of juice once a day.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com

Q&A

Treatment for the heart defect patent foramen ovale

Q: I'm 36 and do not have any significant medical concerns, but due to a family member's heart health issues, it was recommended I have a cardiac evaluation. After undergoing an echocardiogram, I was surprised to be told that I have a patent foramen ovale. The cardiologist said I don't need to be treated for it, but I'm still worried. Does this heart defect put me at risk for health problems? When is treatment for a patent foramen ovale necessary?

A: It can be unnerving to learn you have a heart defect, but the advice your cardiologist gave you is sound. In most cases, no treatment is necessary for a patent foramen ovale, which is sometimes called a PFO.

A patent foramen ovale is an opening between the two upper chambers of the heart that did not close completely after birth. As a fetus develops, there is a small oval flap, called the foramen ovale, in the thin wall between the heart's upper chambers — the atria — that allows oxygen-rich blood from the mother through the umbilicus to flow from the right to the left atrium of the heart of the fetus. That opening is not necessary after birth, and it normally closes during infancy. When the opening does not close, it is called a patent foramen ovale.

Patent foramen ovale is common, occurring in 25% or more of the population. Most people with the condition never know they have it because it does not cause any noticeable signs or symptoms, and it cannot be heard on physical exam. As in your case, it most often is discovered on an imaging exam that's



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being done for another reason. A patent foramen ovale usually does not lead to other health problems. The only time it may become cause for concern is when something goes through the opening that should not.

For example, it is possible for a small blood clot from a lower vein to go through a patent foramen ovale. If that happens, the clot could block an artery in the brain, and lead to a stroke or block an artery elsewhere in the body. There is also the potential for a patent foramen ovale to allow low-oxygen venous blood to shunt through the heart and back into the body without picking up more oxygen in the lungs. In severe cases, that may result in low blood oxygen levels — a condition known as hypoxemia. Both situations are uncommon.

As mentioned, no treatment is typically required for a patent foramen ovale. However, your health care team may recommend a patent foramen ovale be closed if you have had a stroke and no other cause of the stroke can be identified. A patient who has persistent low blood oxygen due to shunt

through a patent foramen ovale also may benefit from closure.

Closing a patent foramen ovale typically involves placing a device in the hole to hold the flap together. The body then heals around the device, sealing the opening so nothing can get through it. This procedure is performed using a minimally invasive technique where a catheter with the device on it is inserted into a vein in the groin. The catheter is guided into place in the heart, where the device is inserted through the patent foramen ovale.

Usually, however, this procedures are not necessary. If you are concerned about possible risks that could be associated with this heart defect, talk to your health care provider. But be reassured that a patent foramen ovale is harmless in most cases. — Peter Pollak, M.D., Cardiovascular Disease, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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Schur’s unending quest to be perfect

‘Good Place’ creator returns to philosophy with first book

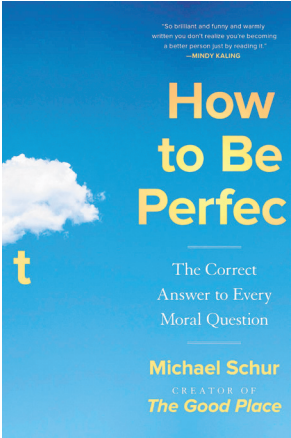
By Alexandra Alter
The New York Times

Several years ago, Michael Schur was stuck in Los Angeles traffic when he went into a philosophical tailspin. As he watched other drivers use the emergency lane to escape the gridlock, he started fuming about people who put their desires above everyone else’s, then wondered if such minor ethical lapses even matter.

What started as a flash of irritation yielded an idea: What if there were a cosmic point system that tallied our good and bad behavior, and ranked people accordingly? From then on, when Schur saw drivers misbehaving, he would comfort himself by imagining them losing 15 points on their moral score cards.

That fantasy helped shape the premise for Schur’s television series, “The Good Place,” a meta-physical comedy set in an afterlife where people are assigned to the Good Place or Bad Place based on their ethical ranking. The show, which starred Kristen Bell as a pathologically selfish pharmaceutical saleswoman accidentally sent to the Good Place, posed complex thought experiments and explored moral principles from philosophers like Aristotle and Kant, all in the framework of a 22-minute sitcom.

“The Good Place” ran for four seasons on NBC and was a commercial and critical success. But when the final season aired in 2020, Schur, who’s also known for his work on comedies like “The Office,” “Parks and Recreation” and “Brooklyn Nine-Nine,” felt unsatisfied.



‘How to Be Perfect’
By Michael Schur; Simon & Schuster, 304 pages, \$28.99.

“I had this nagging feeling, like I wasn’t done talking about it,” Schur said. “I didn’t want to try to do another TV show on the same topic, because that just seemed weird. I’m not sure there’s another TV show that’s explicitly about moral philosophy that anyone would be interested in.”

So, in a somewhat surprising pivot, he decided to write a book about ethics.

Schur’s debut, “How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question,” released by Simon & Schuster, is likely the first book about moral philosophy to feature endorsements from Steve Carell, Amy Poehler, Ted Danson and Mindy Kaling. Jeff McMahan, a philosophy professor at Oxford, called it “an enjoyably boisterous guide to the moral life.”

Schur covers some 2,500 years of Western philosophical thought, breaking down concepts like virtue ethics, deontology, utilitarianism and contractualism; analyzing principles espoused by Aristotle

(“a good salesman, and he gets us all excited about his pitch”), Kant (“a pretty rigid dude”) and Camus (“a stone-cold hottie”); and examining arguments from contemporary philosophers like Judith Thomson, Peter Singer, T.M. Scanlon and Johann Broodryk. He raises quandaries that are easy calls (“Should I Punch My Friend in the Face for No Reason?”) along with more challenging thought experiments like the Trolley Problem (“Should I Let This Runaway Trolley I’m Driving Kill Five People, or Should I Pull a Lever and Deliberately Kill One (Different) Person?”) and fraught issues like whether it’s wrong to enjoy art and literature created by people who behave reprehensibly.

In some ways, the topic felt unavoidable. Schur, 46, has been preoccupied with how to be a good person for as long as he can remember.

“I have been interested-in-slash-obsessed with the concept of ethics my whole life,” he said. “There have been moments when I’ve confronted something about my own behavior, where I realized I was behaving in an ethically questionable way, or had wandered into some complicated situation, that seemed like I would be better equipped to handle it if I knew what the hell I was talking about, ethically speaking.”

Writing a book about the quest for ethical perfection, Schur risked coming across as unbearably pedantic or worse, sanctimonious, but he grounds his overviews of abstract doctrines in self-deprecating digressions. He confesses he still has books by Woody Allen on his shelves and hasn’t been able to renounce him



Michael Schur, creator of “The Good Place,” is seen at home with his dog Henry on Dec. 17 in Los Angeles. He recently released his first book. MICHELLE GROSKOPF/THE NEW YORK TIMES

even after allegations of sexual abuse came to light. He describes the self-loathing he would feel whenever he left a tip at Starbucks but paused to make sure that the barista saw him do it. He agonizes over his privileged status as an educated, affluent white man, worries that his hybrid car is still bad for the environment and frets that the money he spends on baseball tickets and other luxuries could have gone to people in need. (He’s donating his earnings from the book to several charities and nonprofits, he said.)

After creating a show that seemed to defy the

boundaries of a sitcom, blending heady concepts with extreme silliness, Schur felt he had discovered a winning formula that he could deploy in a book. He sold “How to Be Perfect” to Simon & Schuster in early 2020, just before the pandemic arrived and shut down much of the entertainment industry.

Schur is aware that he faces higher expectations than most debut authors.

“I wanted the book to be conversational and engaging and funny enough so that people who had watched ‘The Good Place’ or anything else I’ve ever

done felt like the same guy was talking to them, and I also wanted anyone who knows anything about philosophy to read it and think, like, hey, not bad,” he said.

He’s somewhat reassured by the fact that “The Good Place” was so well-received, suggesting that there’s an audience for goofy riffs on ethics, and said he’s gotten positive responses from friends and colleagues who loved the show and the quandaries it raised.

“And if they were lying, then that’s their problem,” Schur added, “because they’ve been unethical.”

BOOK REVIEWS

Standard set for serial killer novels

When Joanna Schaffhausen first introduced FBI Special Agent Reed Markham and Boston police officer Ellery Hathaway, the author put serial killer Francis Coben at the center of their origin story. And yet, for four straight novels, the monster remained off stage.

Instead, he was portrayed as a hideous specter, haunting every part of Ellery’s life since he kidnapped her when she was 14 and nailed her into a closet that had once held at least 16 other girls.

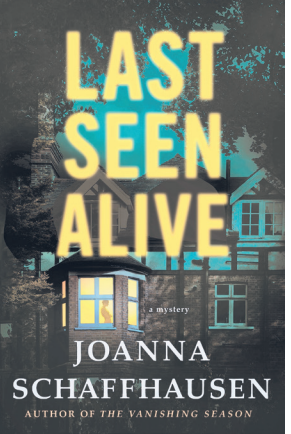
It was Reed who cracked the case and rescued her. Ever since, fate kept throwing them together — first as friends, then as colleagues, and finally in an on-again, off-again romance.

Now, in “Last Seen Alive,” Coben finally appears, promising to reveal the burial sites of some of his victims. But he has three conditions. Reed must visit him in prison, the crew of a true-crime TV show must record the meeting, and the agent must bring along the person who had haunted Coben’s dreams.

He wants Ellery, the lone survivor of his reign of terror. Ellery, beset with survivor’s guilt, reluctantly agrees, grimly determined to bring closure to the families of other victims.

So begins a fast-paced, complex tale that includes a Coben copycat killer, a daring prison escape, a race to track Coben down before he can kill again and a brutal takedown of TV shows that glorify serial killers for the sake of ratings.

When the police work is finally completed, the evildoers vanquished and the plot-points resolved, Schaffhausen breaks the unwritten rules for such books by writing another 75 pages. In them, writing with empathy and psychological insight, she reveals



‘Last Seen Alive’
By Joanna Schaffhausen, Minotaur Books, 320 pages, \$27.99.

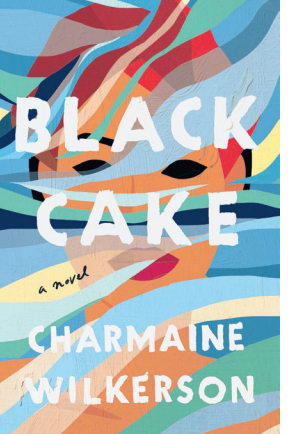
how Reed and Ellery at last come to terms with the nightmare they shared through five fine novels and how they plan to live the rest of their lives.

It works not only because it is beautifully crafted but because, unlike nearly all other serial killer books, these novels were never about the killer and his pursuers. They were about Reed and Ellery, and by extension, all victims of this brutal brand of violence.

In doing so, Schaffhausen has set a new standard for how such books can, and perhaps often should, be written. — Bruce DeSilva, Associated Press

The debut novel of former journalist and short fiction writer Charmaine Wilkerson opens with a one-paragraph prologue called “Then/1965.” A man stands at the water’s edge, “waiting for his daughter’s body to wash ashore.” The next page is titled “Now/2018,” and we meet Byron and Benny, estranged siblings seeing each other for the first time in eight years at their mother’s funeral.

The chapters come fast and furious after that. It takes some getting used to at first, but you eventually settle into a rhythm and



‘Black Cake’
By Charmaine Wilkerson; Ballantine Books, 400 pages \$28.

enjoy puzzling together what happens between each short snippet. Hundreds of pages of flash fiction fill in those 53 years between Then and Now.

It all adds up to quite a story. Every character has multiple narratives. There’s the face they present to their fellow characters in the novel, then there’s their true back story, which often flips that public face on its head.

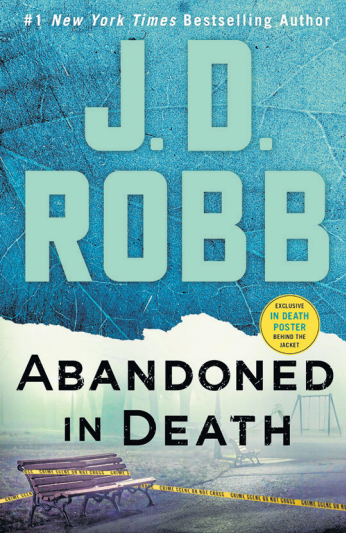
The novel truly puts the “omni” in its omniscient narrator, with plot driven mostly by internal dialogue and flashbacks. There’s much more to recommend here, including weighty themes about race, identity and protecting the environment, as well as the power of family recipes to convey love without words, but the fun is in the reading. As Wilkerson writes near the end as Benny and Byron come to terms with their family narrative: They “sit there silently for a moment, thinking of small but profound inheritances. Of how untold stories shape people’s lives, both when they are withheld and when they are revealed.”

“Black Cake” is a satisfying literary meal, heralding the arrival of a new novelist to watch. — Rob Merrill, Associated Press

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. “**Abandoned in Death**” by J.D. Robb (St. Martin’s) *Last week: —*



2. “**The Last Thing He Told Me**” by Laura Dave (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 3*

3. “**The Lady’s Mine**” by Francine Rivers (Tyndale) *Last week: —*

4. “**The Judge’s List**” by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 5*

5. “**The Horsewoman**” by James Patterson and Mike Lupica (Little, Brown) *Last week: 6*

6. “**The Lincoln Highway**” by Amor Towles (Viking) *Last week: 2*

7. “**City of the Dead: An Alex Delaware Novel**” by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine) *Last week: —*

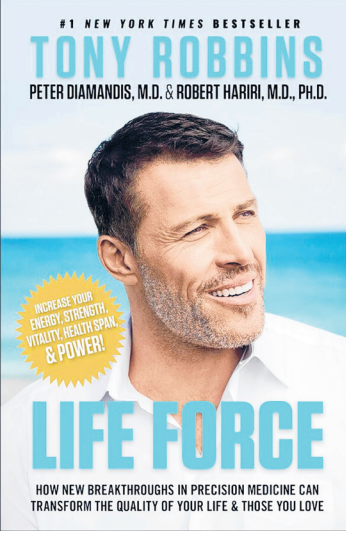
8. “**One Step Too Far**” Lisa Gardner (Dutton) *Last week: 4*

9. “**The Stranger in the Lifeboat**” by Mitch Albom (Harper) *Last week: 10*

10. “**The Christie Affair**” by Nina de Gramont (St. Martin’s) *Last week: 9*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. “**Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love**” by Tony Robbins, Peter H. Diamandis and Robert Hariri (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: —*



2. “**Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win**” by Peter Schweizer (Harper) *Last week: 1*

3. “**Living Fully: Dare to Step into Your Most Vibrant Life**” by Mallory Ervin (Convergent) *Last week: —*

4. “**Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience**” by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 2*

5. “**The Nineties: A Book**” by Chuck Klosterman (Penguin Press) *Last week: —*

6. “**The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story**” by Nikole Hannah-Jones (One World) *Last week: 5*

7. “**The Way of Integrity: Finding the Path to Your True Self**” by Martha Beck (Open Field) *Last week: —*

8. “**Unstoppable: How I Found My Strength Through Love and Loss**” by Chiquis Rivera (Atria) *Last week: —*

9. “**The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health**” by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Skyhorse) *Last week: 8*

10. “**How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question**” by Michael Schur (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 3*

For the week ended Feb. 12, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducharme a welcome sight off bench

Back from four-game absence, freshman reminds all how she can make an impact

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

CINCINNATI, OHIO — Freshman guard Caroline Ducharme has been a pleasant surprise for the No. 10 UConn women's basketball team this season, assuming a larger role than even coach Geno Auriemma initially envisioned. And after being sidelined for the

previous four games with a head injury, Ducharme finally made her return Friday at Xavier, and reminded all what the team was missing without her. Coming in off the bench, Ducharme scored on her first touch of the game, a pullup jumper, at a point in the first quarter when offense was tough to come by for the Huskies. Shortly after, she drew a foul to get to the free throw line. In the second, her ability to come up with the ball on ends and push in transition stood out. She had some highlight-reel plays too, including one where she stole the ball and quickly launched it to

Up next



UConn vs. Georgetown
2 p.m., CBSN

Evina Westbrook for a fastbreak layup that put UConn up 16. Her play helped UConn jump ahead 44-19 going into the locker room. Playing 14 minutes in all — she is still considered limited as she makes her way back — Ducharme was one of five players to finish in double figures (11 points, eight in the first half), while also coming away with four boards, two assists, and two steals — a strong first

game back by any measure. “She surprises you every day,” Auriemma said. “She’s an old-fashioned basketball player who makes an impact right away ... she’s just an all-around good basketball player. When we have her in the game, I feel like we’re not going to have any droughts scoring. And if you put her on one side, Azzi [Fudd] on the other, that’s a tough matchup for most teams.” After a quiet start to the season, Ducharme had become the go-to scorer for the Huskies with Bueckers and Fudd out, averaging a

Turn to Women, Page 5



Shea making her way

Former UConn women's basketball legend Shea Ralph talks about her experiences as a first-year head coach in one of the premier conferences in the country. **See Page 5**

INDOOR TRACK

Hall boys win 2nd State Open title

Sherry sets another record in the 1,600

By **Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

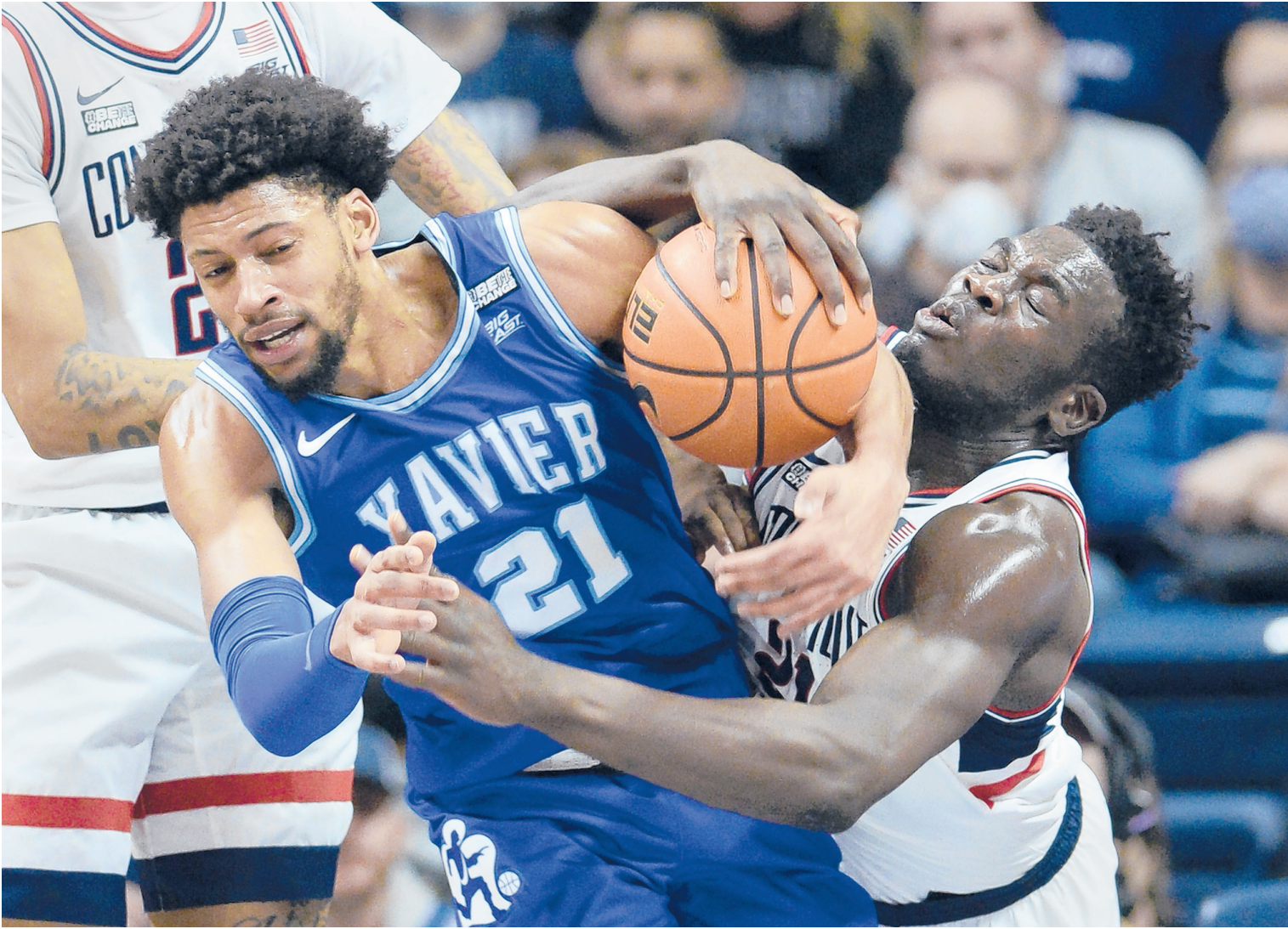
NEW HAVEN — Jon York is a sophomore cross country runner. Hall High indoor track coach Jeff Billing thought York would fit in at middle distance in his first year. But then York showed aptitude at the shorter distances so he became a 300-meter runner. “He’s run 36 [seconds] the last two weeks, but on the backstretch he jogs,” Billing said. “Then when [his competitors] pass him, he accelerates. And he loses. So we were happy he was in the slow heat [Saturday] so he had no barometer — it was like, ‘Go run as fast as you can.’” York did. He came unexpectedly out of the second heat to win the State Open 300 title in 35.67 seconds. In a race Billing expected to get no points, suddenly Hall had 10 and was in the thick of the team title race. Hall won its second indoor State Open title Saturday, edging Hillhouse 52-48 at the Floyd Little Athletic Center. “Things went wrong today, but enough things went right,” Billing said. “These guys have so much heart. It’s so much fun.” “I knew I just needed to be aggressive,” York said. “I was racing against the clock.” York was also part of the winning 4x400 team of Gabriel Sisk, Toby Ruffo and Samuel Sandler that clinched the title in 3:31.18. Hall’s 4x200 team finished second. Danbury won the girls team title with 36 points.

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Winter Olympics

■ A United States team led by Mikaela Shiffrin is leaving the Beijing Olympics with just one of the 30 individual medals in Alpine skiing. **Page 6**

■ U.S. bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor won bronze at the two-woman bobsled event, becoming the most decorated Black athlete in Winter Olympics history, with five medals. **Page 7**



UConn's Adama Sanogo fights for a rebound against Xavier's Jerome Hunter on Saturday at Gampel Pavilion.

MEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN 72, XAVIER 61

Rolling at right time

Cole comes up clutch as Huskies stay hot with 3rd important conference win in row

By **Shreyas Laddha**
Hartford Courant

STORRS — Xavier had cut an 18-point UConn lead to just four with 10 minutes, 11 seconds left in the game. On the next possession R.J. Cole dribbled a bit, waited for his moment and drove strong, finishing with a tough layup over the outstretched hands of the Musketeers defender. It seemed that every time Xavier threatened to take the lead, Cole put on his proverbial superhero cape and answered with a timely bucket. The UConn men's basketball team, led by Cole's 16 points, defeated Xavier 72-61 at Gampel Pavilion on Saturday. Forward Adama Sanogo added in 15 points and nine rebounds and Tyler Polley had 16 points as the Huskies won their third straight Big East Conference game. UConn coach Dan Hurley was happy to come away with the win despite 18 turnovers.

Turn to Men, Page 4



Tyler Polley acknowledges the roar of the fans after UConn defeated Xavier on Saturday at Gampel Pavilion. **PHOTOS BY CLOE POISSON / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Up next

UConn vs. Villanova
8 p.m., Tuesday FS1

Polley could be the X-factor for UConn down the final stretch



Dom Amore

STORRS — We've seen days or nights like this, games in which Tyler Polley is feeling it, his hands and arms and shoulder in perfect sync with his feet, the effortless launch. On days like this snowy Saturday afternoon, Polley looks like the best shooter in the world, a shooting symphony. And his teammates have always been willing to attest to it. Then there are other days and nights, in other places and times, when it looks like he's shooting in futility at a moving target.

Turn to Amore, Page 4

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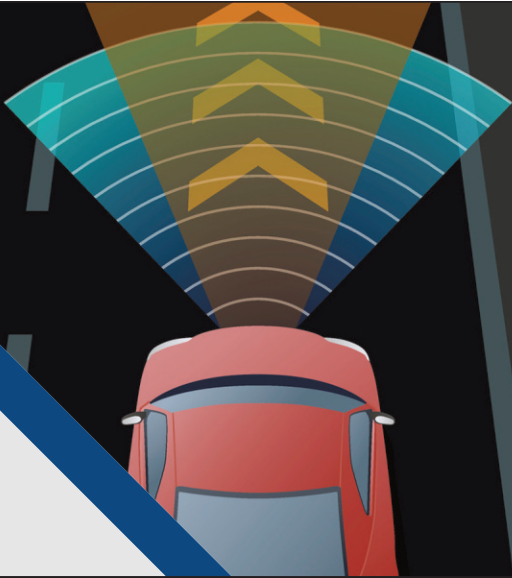
The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety recently found a 7% reduction in crashes for vehicles with a basic forward-collision warning system and a 14% reduction for those with automatic braking.

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Villanova (XL), Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Georgetown, Feb. 27, noon; at Creighton, March 2, 8:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: Georgetown (XL), Sunday, 2 p.m.; Marquette (XL), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; St. John's (XL), Friday, 7 p.m.
Celtics: at Nets, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pistons, Saturday, noon; at Pacers, Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Knicks: Heat, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; 76ers, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.; at 76ers, March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: Celtics, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bucks, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Raptors, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Northeastern, Friday, 7 p.m.; Northeastern, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Vermont, March 4, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Avalanche, Monday, 1 p.m.; at Kraken, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Sharks, Saturday, 10 p.m.
Rangers: at Senators, Sunday, 5 p.m.; Capitals, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Penguins, Saturday, 3 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; Providence, Saturday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
2:30 p.m.: 2022 Daytona 500 (Live) FOX
10 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil NHRA Winternationals. (Same-day Tape) FS1
1 a.m.: Off Road Racing Extreme E Championship, Final. (Same-day Tape) FS1
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: Women's College } Wake Forest at Boston College. (Live) ACC
12 p.m.: Women's College } Georgia at Auburn. (Live) SEC
12 p.m.: Women's College } Massachusetts at Davidson. (Live) CBSN
12 p.m.: Women's College } Texas at West Virginia. (Live) ESPN2
1 p.m.: Women's College } Tennessee at South Carolina. (Live) ABC
1 p.m.: Michigan at Wisconsin. (Live) CBS
1 p.m.: Houston at Wichita State. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Providence at Butler. (Live) FS1
2 p.m.: Women's College } Virginia Tech at Louisville. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Women's College } Kentucky at Arkansas. (Live) SEC
2 p.m.: Women's College } Georgetown at Connecticut. (Live) CBSN
2 p.m.: Temple at Cincinnati. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: Missouri State at Northern Iowa. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: NBA G League Basketball (Taped) NBA
2:30 p.m.: George Mason at Fordham. (Live) USA
3 p.m.: Memphis at SMU. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: Marquette at Creighton. (Live) FS1
4 p.m.: Women's College } Pittsburgh at Virginia. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: Women's College } Florida at LSU. (Live) SEC
4 p.m.: New Mexico at San Jose State. (Live) CBSN
4 p.m.: Women's College } Stanford at Oregon. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: Women's College } Oklahoma State at Kansas State. (Live) ESPN
5:30 p.m.: Rutgers at Purdue. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: Women's College } Alabama at Texas A&M. (Live) SEC
6 p.m.: Women's College } Houston at Tulane. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Washington State at USC. (Live) FS1
8 p.m.: Mississippi State at Missouri. (Live) SEC
8 p.m.: 2022 NBA All-Star Game Team Durant vs Team LeBron. (Live) SPRTNET
8 p.m.: 2022 NBA All-Star Game Team Durant vs Team LeBron. (Live) TBS TNT
2 a.m.: 2022 NBA All-Star Game Team Durant vs Team LeBron. (Taped) NBA
GOLF
1 p.m.: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: Chubb Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
1 p.m.: Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live) SPRTNET NHL
3:30 p.m.: Florida Panthers at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live) SPRTNET
5 p.m.: New York Rangers at Ottawa Senators. (Live), MSG.

MLB COMMENTARY

Baseball will survive, but prominence continues to take a dive

By Peter Abraham | Boston Globe

The longer the MLB lockout continues, the more toxic my inbox becomes. “This really is a disaster,” wrote Michael.

“Sad to see baseball go the way of the dinosaurs,” said Hector.

“Why should I buy tickets?” asked Ray.

“Nobody cares about baseball anymore,” opined one anonymous emailer.

Respectfully, I don’t believe any of you.

Google “baseball is dead” and you get 1.89 million results. This has been going on for decades.

Baseball was declared dead in the 1970s when players won the right to become free agents. It wasn’t.

The coroner was summoned again when the 1994 World Series was canceled because of the players’ strike. It took a few years, but baseball got back to normal.

Then it was widespread steroid use that dealt a supposedly fatal blow early this century. But that wasn’t the case, either.

Now baseball supposedly has another cleat in the grave thanks to the latest labor impasse. It will survive like it always has. The season will start and people will most definitely come, Ray.

The same Red Sox fans who were crushed by the trade of Mookie Betts were captivated by the Wild Card Game against the Yankees 20 months later.

Baseball doesn’t have to fear death. But it should be terrified of creeping irrelevance.

That spring training this year did not start on time is another example of how blind the people who run baseball have become to the outside world. They take too much for granted.

But even if a collective bargaining agreement is reached and the regular season starts as scheduled March 31, baseball is marching down the wrong path.

The NFL and NBA are far better television products with younger, more diverse fan bases. Both sports do a masterful job of marketing their star players and have become entrenched in popular culture.

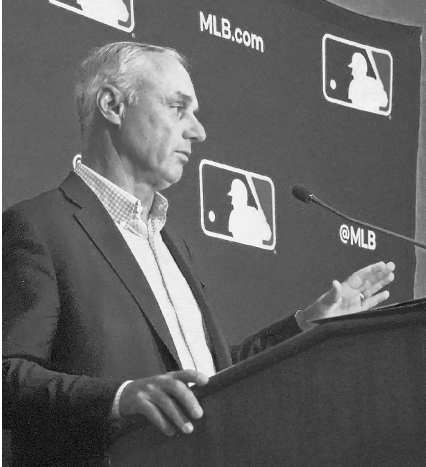
Baseball is dropping closer to the second tier where hockey, soccer, and other sports with regional popularity exist. The longer the lockout continues, the wider that gap will grow.

For fans of the Red Sox, Yankees, Dodgers, and other popular teams, it’s hard to notice. Games routinely sell out, payrolls are high, and the local television ratings flourish. But it’s a constant struggle in many markets. Baseball doesn’t work in Florida. The Rays and Marlins have abysmal attendance to a point where Tampa Bay hatched a plan to play half its home games in Montreal. (The other owners rejected it.)

Baseball really is dying in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, the two latest teams trying to lose their way to the top by accumulating high draft picks.

In Atlanta, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Seattle, and Toronto, the local MLS franchises draw big crowds and command nearly equal amounts of attention.

Even the flagship teams are experiencing a new reality. There were once 10 media outlets that covered the Red Sox



MLB commissioner Rob Manfred speaks during a news conference at an owners meetings on Feb. 10 in Orlando, Fla. Manfred says spring training remains on hold due to a management lockout. He hopes to reach a contract that allows for a March 31 opening day. JOHN RAOUX/AP

on the road. Only three regularly did last season and one of them was MLB.com.

There were three times as many reporters from the Boston area who covered the Patriots’ joint practice sessions and exhibition game with the Eagles in Philadelphia last August as there were in New York at the same time where the Sox played the Yankees in a weekend series.

Three times as many for practices and an exhibition game.

Then there are the aesthetics. Baseball’s devotion to data has led to a game that moves at a plodding pace with increasingly less action.

Smart executives have done their job well, mining the numbers to create small advantages that could win a game. That’s their job, to win.

But if winning is a product of reducing the game to a series of strikeouts, walks, and ground outs into a shift with an occasional home run, who do you expect to watch? Or to want to play?

Game 3 of the World Series, a 2-0 victory for the Braves against the Astros, lasted 3 hours, 24 minutes, and 11 pitchers were used. There were 68 plate appearances and 25 of them ended with a walk or a strikeout.

That improving the game as an entertainment product hasn’t been part of the current labor negotiations is difficult to understand. Any financial gains the players or owners make now won’t matter if baseball is a niche sport in 10 years.

The pandemic provided a laboratory for what will draw viewers. There are more streaming services available with increasingly better content. First-run films sometimes show up in your living room right away. European soccer matches, which always end in less than two hours and have no commercials, are growing in popularity.

People came back to baseball before because where else were they going? Now baseball has more competition than ever.

It’s also notable that as part of the CBA talks, the owners have proposed having the ability to cut the number of minor leaguers per organization from 180 to 150 as soon as 2023. The owners also have cut the draft from 40 rounds to 20, and limited signing bonus payments.

To what degree fewer — and less lucrative — opportunities to play professional baseball will have on the amateur levels won’t be known for years. But the effect certainly won’t be positive.

Still, baseball will survive because it always does.

MLB has canceled spring training games through March 4, although there are plans for the sides to meet every day starting Monday in hopes of reaching a deal. Several owners will be personally involved and that could be what finally breaks the impasse.

There will be an agreement eventually and most of the same fans who are angry now will watch the games when they do.

But how long will that continue if the real issues aren’t solved?

KNICKS COMMENTARY

Pointing fingers is the only thing this executive team is good at

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — The only thing that’s really changed with the Knicks since December, when we first evoked “It’s Chinatown, Jake” and started calling them the Chinatown Knicks, is that things have gotten worse. Much.

So now, in the basketball version of the movie, the long knives are out for Tom Thibodeau, who could have run for mayor when the Knicks finished fourth in the Eastern Conference last season.

It turns out they weren’t as good as their record and now, man oh man, are they ever proving it, as they blow one 20-point lead after another. Has Thibodeau been as good this year as he was last year? Come on. Look at the standings and look at the record, 25-34 at the All-Star break. At least the Knicks could rest up over the weekend. The only player they’ve got who was part of the All-Star festivities was Obi Toppin, for the Slam Dunk contest.

But if you think the problem here is Thibodeau’s rotations and playing his vets too many minutes, well, to keep with the movie theme, you’re watching the wrong movie.

The Knicks played over their heads a year ago, and that includes Julius Randle. Now the Knicks don’t have enough good basketball players. Eventually, that catches up with you in sports, you can look that one up. And the job of putting good players in a Knicks uniform isn’t Thibodeau’s job. It’s the job of his bosses:

Silent Leon Rose.

William (World Wide Wes) Wesley.

Rose and Wesley have turned into every failed Knicks executive we have seen across the 20 years when the Knicks — with only a couple of notable exceptions, including last season — were as bad as any team in the sport. The Knicks who were once Clyde and Capt. Willis and Dave DeBusschere and The Pearl and Dollar Bill. Those Knicks. There are superstars all over the league. You know the last semblance of a big star the Knicks had playing for them? Carmelo, who finished third in the MVP voting the year the Knicks won 54 games, and the Atlantic Division, for Mike Woodson.

This time around James L. Dolan decided to go in another direction. He

put agents in charge. CAA agents. Dolan has always loved the Creative Artists Agency the way he loves music. When the Warriors were winning championships, one of the guys in charge there, Bob Myers, president of basketball ops and general manager, is a former sports agent. So Dolan decided to try it with Rose and Wesley. Wesley has no known qualifications for his current position other than connections in the basketball world. But Jimmy Dolan has always been a bear for connections. It’s why Steve Mills managed to survive as long as he did.

Rose and Wesley truly have turned into so many other executives who have gone in and then out the door at the Garden. It means their primary duties, at least at the present time, are to get into Dolan’s ears and convince him that the current sad state of the Knicks isn’t their fault. At least Rose is talking to the owner. He effectively hasn’t talked to anybody else all season. In a job like his. In New York City. You don’t get rid of him after the season for Evan Fournier and Kemba Walker. You get rid of him for committing the great big-city sin for anybody with a big job like this:

Hiding under his desk when things go bad.

Not his fault, though. No sir. Not the fault of Wesley, who seems to be the new Isiah Thomas. They want the blame to be Thibodeau’s. Again: Is the coach blameless here? Certainly not. There is always enough blame to go around when a season turns lousy. But this team didn’t assemble itself. Was there a Big Move that Rose and Wesley could have made at the trade deadline to turn this ship — the one that be sinkin’ in the immortal words of Micheal Ray Richardson — around? Nope. But they didn’t even try.

They want this to be about Thibodeau and minutes and rotations. The leaks to the media are as familiar as the famous spoked ceiling at the Garden. They’re delighted that everybody is talking about Thibodeau, because when they’re talking about the coach they’re not talking about them. Which gives them more time to be in Dolan’s ear. Where the message is always the same, the way it was always the same with Isiah:

Not. My. Fault.

NFL

Breaking down the quarterback market for 2022

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

The NFL offseason is here, so it’s time to turn our attention to the most important on-field story of the next few months — the quarterback market.

The game of musical chairs may be heated, because it’s not supposed to be the greatest year for quarterback prospects in the draft. Teams that are in the market for a new starter are the Broncos, Buccaneers, Panthers, Commanders, Saints, and Steelers, while the Colts, Texans, Browns, Eagles, Falcons, and Lions may also be involved.

Let’s take a look at which QBs are probably on the move, and which are likely staying put:

On the move

Tom Brady, Buccaneers: Julian Edelman and Rob Gronkowski said they believe Brady will be back. Brady said he’s going to take things “day by day” before softly backtracking. And he noticeably hasn’t

officially retired, nor has he used that word.

The Buccaneers still control Brady’s rights, though they seem to have a great relationship and the team will probably cooperate with his wishes. Brady is under contract for one more season, and only at \$10.4 million. The obvious destination is the 49ers, who probably wouldn’t mind delaying the Trey Lance era for one more season so Brady can finish his career with his childhood team.

Jimmy Garoppolo, 49ers: It was noteworthy that during Super Bowl week 49ers legend Joe Montana told The Ringer that “I don’t think Trey is ready to play yet,” and “I think they should keep Jimmy until they find somebody that helps.” Yet the 49ers’ brass has a lot invested in Lance — two first-round picks, plus their reputations — so it would be a surprise, and potential embarrassment, if Lance sat on the bench for a second season (behind anyone but Brady, that is).

Deshaun Watson,

Texans: Nick Caserio played this situation well in 2021, refusing to part with Watson for below-market value and instead paying Watson his \$10.54 million salary to sit for a year. But now Watson’s salary balloons to \$35 million for 2022. His legal situation remains in limbo, which complicates his trade market.

Teddy Bridgewater, Broncos: He’s an unrestricted free agent, and after a disappointing season in which the Broncos finished 7-10 and ranked 23rd in points, Bridgewater probably won’t be back. One fit would be a return to New Orleans as a veteran seat-warmer for a rookie QB.

Russell Wilson, Seahawks: Wilson’s camp has sent mixed messages — first his agent went on the record last offseason with a list of four teams to which Wilson would accept a trade, but Wilson denied that he requested a trade, and last

week told Mad Dog Sports Radio that “my hope and goal is to be back and keep winning there.”

Carson Wentz, Colts: The Colts would like to move on after Wentz had a subpar season and the Colts missed the playoffs in embarrassing fashion. But the Colts’ investment in Wentz could be a roadblock. No team is going to trade for his contract, which has a \$22 million base salary (\$15 million fully guaranteed), plus a \$5 million roster bonus due in mid-March, plus another \$1.3 million bonus due in Week 18 (for a total of \$28.3 million).

Jared Goff, Lions: The Lions will certainly be looking for a quarterback in the draft. But Goff could still return next season because of his contract. He has a \$15.5 million roster bonus due March 17 that is fully guaranteed, plus \$10.65 million in base salary that becomes guaranteed the same day.

Kyler Murray, Cardinals: He wasn’t on this list until Murray deleted all references to the Cardinals from

his social media, and ESPN reported that some inside the Cardinals find Murray “immature” and “self-centered.” Murray’s contract is probably fueling some of this, as he is owed \$34 million over the next two seasons, including just \$5.5 million in 2022.

Matt Ryan, Falcons: He seems like an obvious candidate to move on. Ryan turns 37 in May, he hasn’t made the playoffs in four straight seasons, his \$23.75 million compensation has no guarantees, and the Falcons can save \$8 million or \$23 million in cap space with a trade or release.

Baker Mayfield, Browns: He had a terrible 2021 season and clashed with his coaches and front office. The problem is his 2022 salary of \$18.858 million is fully guaranteed, and the Browns will have a tough time finding another team to take it unless the Browns pay for some of it.

Staying put

Aaron Rodgers, Packers
Kirk Cousins, Vikings
Ryan Tannehill, Titans

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	35	23	.603	—
Boston	34	26	.567	2
Toronto	32	25	.561	2½
Brooklyn	31	28	.525	4½
New York	25	34	.424	10½

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	38	21	.644	—
Atlanta	28	30	.483	9½
Charlotte	29	31	.483	9½
Washington	27	31	.466	10½
Orlando	13	47	.217	25½

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	38	21	.644	—
Cleveland	35	23	.603	2½
Milwaukee	36	24	.600	2½
Indiana	20	40	.333	18½
Detroit	13	45	.224	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Memphis	41	19	.683	—
Dallas	35	24	.593	5½
San Antonio	23	36	.390	17½
New Orleans	23	36	.390	17½
Houston	15	43	.259	25

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	36	22	.621	—
Denver	33	25	.569	3
Minnesota	31	28	.525	5½
Portland	25	34	.424	11½
Oklahoma City	18	40	.310	18

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Phoenix	48	10	.828	—
Golden State	42	17	.712	6½
L.A. Clippers	30	31	.492	19½
L.A. Lakers	27	31	.466	21
Sacramento	22	38	.367	27

SATURDAY'S ALL-STAR EVENTS
State Farm All-Star Saturday Night
- Skills Challenge (first event), late
- 3-Point Contest (second event), late
- Slam Dunk (third event), late

SUNDAY EVENTS
Legends Awards, noon
G League Next Gem Game, 2p.m.
71st NBA All-Star Game, 8 p.m

FRIDAY'S ALL-STAR EVENTS
2022 Rising Stars Challenge
Team Isaiah 50, Team Worthly 49
Team Barry 50, Team Payton 48
Team Barry 25, Team Isaiah 20

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 117, Brooklyn 103
Miami 111, Charlotte 107(2OT)
Dallas 125, New Orleans 118
Philadelphia 123, Milwaukee 120

TEAM LEBRON STARTERS
F Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee
F LeBron James, L.A. Lakers (captain)
C Nikola Jokic, Denver
G Stephen Curry, Golden State
G DeMar DeRozan, Chicago
RESERVES
C Jarrett Allen, Cleveland
F Jimmy Butler, Miami
F Luka Doncic, Dallas
G Darius Garland, Cleveland
G James Harden, Philadelphia
G Donovan Mitchell, Utah
G Chris Paul, Phoenix
G Fred VanVleet, Toronto
Coach: Monty Williams, Phoenix

TEAM DURANT STARTERS
F Jayson Tatum, Boston
F Andrew Wiggins, Golden State
C Joel Embiid, Philadelphia
G Ja Morant, Memphis
G Trae Young, Atlanta
RESERVES
G LaMelo Ball, Charlotte
F Devin Booker, Phoenix
F Kevin Durant, Brooklyn (captain/injured)
F Draymond Green, Golden State
C Rudy Gobert, Utah
G Zach LaVine, Chicago
F Khris Middleton, Milwaukee
C Dejounte Murray, San Antonio
C Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota
Coach: Erik Spoelstra, Miami

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE						
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA
Man City	26	20	3	3	63	17
Liverpool	25	17	6	2	64	20
Chelsea	25	14	8	3	49	50
Man United	25	12	7	6	40	32
West Ham	26	12	6	8	45	34
Arsenal	23	13	7	3	36	26
Tottenham	23	12	3	8	31	42
Wolverhampton	23	11	4	8	21	17
Brighton	25	7	12	6	25	38
Southampton	25	7	11	7	32	37
Leicester	22	7	6	9	36	41
Aston Villa	24	8	3	13	31	37
Crystal Palace	25	5	11	9	32	26
Brentford	26	6	14	27	42	24
Leeds	23	5	8	10	27	46
Everton	23	6	4	13	28	42
Newcastle	24	4	10	16	25	42
Watford	24	5	3	16	24	18
Burnley	22	2	11	9	20	29
Norwich	25	4	5	16	15	53

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
West Ham 1, Newcastle 1
Arsenal 2, Brentford 1
Watford 1, Aston Villa 0
Burnley 3, Brighton 0
Chelsea 1, Crystal Palace 0
Liverpool 3, Norwich 1
Southampton 2, Everton 0
Tottenham 3, Man City 2
SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leeds vs. Man United, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Leicester, 11:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Burnley vs. Tottenham, 2:30p.m.
Watford vs. Crystal Palace, 2:30p.m.
Liverpool vs. Leeds, 2:45p.m.
THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Wolverhampton, 2:45p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S FIRST LEG
Chelsea vs. Lille (France), 3p.m.
Villarreal vs. Juventus, 3p.m.
WEDNESDAY'S FIRST LEG
Atlético Madrid vs. Man United, 3p.m.
Benfica vs. Ajax, 3p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE
5-Sunday: vs. New Zealand, 3 p.m. at
Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.
5-SheBelieves Cup

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	
at Iowa	12½		Fairfield
Providence	3½		at Butler
at Purdue	12		Rutgers
Houston	7½	at Wichita State	
Wright State	2½	at Detroit Mercy	
at Wisconsin	1½	Michigan	
at Marist	6½	Quinnipiac	
Saint Peter's	1	at Siena	
Manhattan	2½	Rider	
at No. Iowa	2½	Missouri State	
Fort Wayne	3½	at Milwaukee	
at Cincinnati	6½	Temple	
at UCF	9½	East Carolina	
George Mason	4½	at Fordham	
Cleveland State	9½	at Green Bay	
at Creighton	2½	Marquette	
Memphis	2½	at SMU	
at Oakland	6½	Northern Kentucky	
New Mexico	6½	at San Jose St.	
at Loyola (Md.)	4½	Lehigh	
at Hartford	1½	Stony Brook	
at Bellarmine	1½	Jacksonville State	
at USC	5½	Washington State	
Mississippi St.	4½	at Missouri	

NHL			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at Pittsburgh	-134	Carolina	+112
at NY Islanders	-250	Montreal	+202
Florida	-182	at Chicago	+142
New York	-172	at Ottawa	+150
at Columbus	-250	at Buffalo	+140
Dallas	-113	Minnesota	+202
at Edmonton	-164	San Jose	+106
Las Vegas	-164	at San Jose	+136

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HOCKEY

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	49	34	10	5	73	203	143		
Tampa Bay	49	32	11	6	70	169	139		
Toronto	47	32	12	3	67	171	126		
Boston	48	27	17	4	58	137	136		
Detroit	51	23	22	6	52	147	176		
Ottawa	47	18	25	4	40	127	151		
Buffalo	50	16	26	8	40	135	175		
Montreal	49	9	33	7	25	109	193		

METRO									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	48	33	11	4	70	168	115		
Pittsburgh	51	31	12	8	70	170	136		
N.Y. Rangers	49	31	13	5	67	149	126		
Washington	52	28	15	9	65	171	145		
Columbus	48	24	23	1	49	156	177		
N.Y. Islanders	44	18	20	6	42	109	123		
Philadelphia	49	15	25	9	39	125	172		
New Jersey	50	17	28	5	39	146	182		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Colorado	49	36	9	4	76	198	138		
Minnesota	46	30	13	3	63	176	140		
St. Louis	48	28	14	6	62	169	134		
Nashville	50	28	14	4	60	153	143		
Dallas	48	27	19	2	56	142	142		
Winnipeg	49	22	19	8	52	144	147		
Chicago	51	18	25	8	44	124	171		
Arizona	48	12	32	4	28	108	180		

PACIFIC									
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	47	28	13	6	62	164	112		
Vegas	50	28	18	4	60	165	149		
Edmonton	49	28	18	3	59	165	154		
Los Angeles	49	25	17	7	57	142	138		
Anaheim	51	23	19	9	55	149	159		
Vancouver	50	23	21	6	52	131	139		
San Jose	48	22	21	5	49	130	150		
Seattle	50	16	30	4	36	132	178		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Colorado 5, Buffalo 3
Edmonton 4, Winnipeg 2
Boston at Ottawa, late
St. Louis at Toronto, late
Los Angeles at Arizona, late
Anaheim at Vancouver, late
Seattle at Calgary, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 2p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 3p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 5p.m.
Buffalo at Columbus, 6p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 8p.m.
Vegas at San Jose, 8p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at Boston, 1p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 3p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 4p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 7p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 7p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Seattle, 10p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 5, Nashville 3
Florida 6, Minnesota 2
Dallas 1, Chicago 0(5O)
Los Angeles 4, Vegas 3(OT)

GOLF

LATE FRIDAY: PGA GENESIS INVITATIONAL
2nd of 4 rounds, Riviera CC, Pacific Palisades, Calif., 7,322 yards; Par 71

Joaquin Niemann	63-63	-126	-16
Arkasas 58, Tennessee 48	66-62	-128	-14
Cameron Young	67-64	-131	-11
Adam Scott	68-65	-133	-9
Jordan Spieth	66-67	-133	-9
Collin Morikawa	67-67	-134	-8
Viktor Hovland	71-64	-135	-7
Russell Knox	68-67	-135	-7
Cameron Smith	67-68	-135	-7
Max Homa	66-70	-136	-6
Marc Leishman	70-66	-136	-6
Maverick McNealy	68-68	-136	-6
Sebastian Munoz	70-66	-136	-6
Keegan Bradley	69-68	-137	-5
Sungjae Im	71-66	-137	-5
Matt Jones	70-67	-137	-5
Peter Malnati	69-68	-137	-5
C.T. Pan	67-70	-137	-5
Scott Piercy	70-67	-137	-5
Cameron Tringale	69-68	-137	-5
Kevin Tway	68-69	-137	-5
Russell Henley	72-66	-138	-4
Beau Hossler	69-69	-138	-4
Si Woo Kim	69-69	-138	-4
Robert MacIntyre	71-67	-138	-4
Taylor Moore	69-69	-138	-4
Mito Pereira	70-68	-138	-4
Pat Perez	66-72	-138	-4
Scottie Scheffler	71-67	-138	-4
Nick Watney	68-71	-139	-3
Paul Casey	68-71	-139	-3
Sergio Garcia	71-68	-139	-3
Emiliano Grillo	69-70	-139	-3
Jason Kokrak	67-72	-139	-3
Martin Laird	68-71	-139	-3
Kyung-Hoon Lee	72-67	-139	-3
Rory McIlroy	69-70	-139	-3
Carlos Ortiz	68-71	-139	-3
Doc Redman	69-70	-139	-3
Sam Ryder	70-69	-139	-3
Xander Schauffele	69-70	-139	-3
Erik Van Rooyen	74-65	-139	-3
Will Zalatoris	69-70	-139	-3
Tony Finau	69-71	-140	-2
Lanto Griffin	74-66	-140	-2
Patton Kizzire	68-72	-140	-2
Danny Lee	70-70	-140	-2
Francesco Molinari	70-70	-140	-2
Alex Noren	70-70	-140	-2
Andrew Putnam	70-70	-140	-2
Aaron Wise	70-70	-140	-2
Abraham Ancer	69-72	-141	-1
Dylan Frittelli	68-73	-141	-1
James Hahn	72-69	-141	-1
Lee Hodges	71-70	-141	-1
Adam Long	68-73	-141	-1
Alex Smalley	69-72	-141	-1
Brian Stuard	72-68	-141	-1
Sahithi Theegalla	69-72	-141	-1
Patrick Cantlay	70-72	-142	E
Cameron Champ	72-70	-142	E
Joel Dahmen	70-72	-142	E
Cameron Davis	71-71	-142	E
Rickie Fowler	71-71	-142	E
Harry Higgs	75-67	-142	E
Charley Hoffman	67-75	-142	E
Matt Kuchar	69-73	-142	E
Hank Lebioda	69-73	-142	E
Hideki Matsuyama	72-70	-142	E
Matthew NeSmith	69-73	-142	E
Ron Rahm	69-73	-142	E
Aaron Rai	72-70	-142	E
Chez Reavie	74-68	-142	E
Sepp Straka	74-68	-142	E
Jhonattan Vegas	70-72	-142	E

CHAMPIONS CHUBB CLASSIC
2nd of 3 rounds, The Black Course
Naples, Fla., 6,909 yards; Par 72

Bernhard Langer</

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: vs. Villanova (at Gampel), 8 p.m. FS1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Today: vs. Georgetown, 2 p.m., CBSSN

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Moore leads 'Nova to win over Hoyas

Associated Press

Justin Moore couldn't find the range in the first half, but he didn't alter his approach.

Moore scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half to lead No. 10 Villanova to a 74-66 victory over Georgetown on Saturday at Villanova, Pa.

"Nothing changed," Moore said. "I stayed aggressive, and my teammates found me in the right spot."

Moore missed 8 of 9 field goals in the opening 20 minutes, including all six of his 3-point tries, but made 5 of 7 shots and 2 of 3 from long range after the break.

"Great looks in the first half but they didn't go in and he stayed confident in the second half," coach Jay Wright said.

Brandon Slater added 11 points and Caleb Daniels and Eric Dixon each had 10 for Villanova (21-6, 14-3 Big East), which has won five

in a row.

"We struggled, but we gutted it out," Wright said.

Donald Carey scored 24 and Dante Harris added 16 for Georgetown (6-20, 0-15), which remained winless in the Big East while losing its 16th game in a row.

Stony Brook 88, Hartford 82: At Stony Brook, N.Y., Anthony Roberts had 27 points and Tykei Greene added a double-double as Stony Brook topped Hartford.

Hartford scored 52 points in the second half, a season high for the team.

Austin Williams had 27 points and six assists to lead the Hawks (8-17, 6-7). David Shriver added 16 points. Moses Flowers had 14 points and five steals.

Wagner 78, Central Connecticut State 68: At New York, Raekwon Rogers had a career-high 26

points as Wagner topped Central Connecticut.

Alex Morales had 18 points and six rebounds for Wagner (19-3, 13-1 Northeast Conference). Jahbril Price Noel added 14 points. Will Martinez had six assists. Nigel Scantlebury had 20 points for the Blue Devils (7-21, 4-11). Andre Snoddy added 13 points and seven rebounds. Joe Ostrowsky had 11 points.

Merrimack 80, Sacred Heart 79: At North Andover, Mass., Mikey Watkins' layup with three seconds left lifted Merrimack. Tanner Thomas scored a season-high 26 points for the Pioneers (8-19, 4-10), who have now lost five straight games. Nico Galette added 18 points. Bryce Johnson had 11 rebounds. Tyler Thomas, whose 17 points per game coming into the matchup led the Pioneers, failed to make a shot (0 of 5).



Villanova guard Justin Moore takes a three point shot past Georgetown center Malcolm Wilson during the first half on Saturday in Villanova, Pa. LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

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"Thrilled to get that win," he said. "First half [was a] pretty dominant performance against a team of that caliber. Credit to Xavier and credit to Travis Steele. Those guys are incredibly hard to beat.

"The turnover situation put us in harm's way. In a huddle or in terms of expression on the player's faces, when you've been through what we've been through, 25 games into the season, our guys are pretty resilient. They didn't blink."

While Sanogo and Polley dominated the first half, Cole kept the team from collapsing in the second. He had 11 points on 5-for-7 shooting from the field, accounting for 11 of the Huskies' 28 second-half points.

Although Cole had three fouls and had to sit for a bit, he was waiting for his moment.

"Sitting on the bench, I told myself to stay in it," he said. "My team is going to need me eventually. When I got the call to get back in the game, I took it upon myself.

"It was a rough go, so I said all right, you have to find a way to put a ball in the hole for either yourself or your teammates."

In the opening 20 minutes Sanogo showed off an array of post moves and patience on the offensive end, deterred opponents at the rim and started multiple fast-break opportunities with his rebounds. He shot 7-for-10 from the field.

Polley had a first half to remember, shooting a perfect 4-for-4 from the field for 11 points. He made shots with hands in his face, little space and a high degree of difficulty. His shooting helped space the floor, leading to 24 paint points for UConn.

Polley has an affinity for playing at Gampel.

"I think I'm a great shooter anywhere," he said. "Gampel is just electrifying and just different playing here. I felt a little different energy coming into this game. I try to stay confident and take good shots. That took care of the rest."

The No. 24 Huskies (19-7, 10-5 Big East) now hold sole possession of third place in the conference behind Providence and Villanova. Xavier falls 17-9 and 7-8 and is tied for seventh with St. John's. UConn has four games remaining before the Big East tournament March 9-12 at Madison Square Garden.

The game had added meaning as UConn posthumously honored Harrison "Honey" Fitch, the school's first Black basketball player, at halftime. Fitch played for the Huskies from 1932-34.

Former Husky and current NBA player James Bouknight was in attendance and was ejected late with around 13 minutes to go in the second half. He ended up sneaking in with the student section to watch the rest of the game.

Hurley didn't see what happened with Bouknight



Connecticut's R.J. Cole (2) shoots over Xavier's Dwon Odom in the second half Saturday at Gampel Pavilion. UConn won the Big East game 72-61. CLOE POISSON / SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Former UConn star Bouknight gets boot from win over Xavier; sneaks back in

Former UConn star James Bouknight was ejected from his court-side seat in the second half of the Huskies' 72-61 win over Xavier at Gampel Pavilion on Saturday.

According to multiple internet reports, Bouknight was ejected for standing on the court with his cellphone. He ended up sneaking back into the student section to watch the rest of the win.

UConn coach Dan Hurley didn't have much to say after the game. .

"Not an ideal scenario," he said. "I didn't really see what happened. I don't want to comment on that, James is my guy.

Former teammate Tyler Polley was just happy to see Bouknight.

"It was great to see Bouk man, he brought energy on the side," he said. "I appreciate that. It is what it is when it comes to that (ejection). I don't want to speak too much about it. I love seeing Bouknight back, I loved playing with him. He's a great player."

Bouknight played two seasons with the Huskies and averaged 18.7 points per game in his final year as a sophomore. He was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets with the No. 11 pick in the 2021 NBA draft.

— Shreyas Laddha

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UConn's offense took some time to get off the ground. Andre Jackson collected the rebound after Tyrese Martin missed a 3, went up for the layup and missed it, but he tipped in the miss to give the Huskies their first points at the 16:45 mark.

At 12:33, Polley hit a tough jumper and got fouled in the process putting UConn up 11-6, but he missed the free throw. Polley and Martin hit back-to-back 3s for a 26-21 lead with 7:27 left in the first half. UConn went on an 11-1 run to go up 41-26 and forced a Musketeers timeout at 1:26.

The Huskies defense did a great job being more physical than Xavier. UConn held the Musketeers to 9-for-25 (36%) shooting from the field in taking a 44-27 lead into the break.

Xavier started the second half with more energy on both sides of the court. At 14:38, the Musketeers' Paul Scruggs made a layup to cut the Huskies lead to 49-41.

With UConn only up six, Cole stepped and drained a 3 for a 52-43 lead, but the Musketeers' Adam Kunkel answered with a 3 of his own. At 11:13, Xavier cut the lead to four points on a Jack Nunge layup.

UConn 72, XAVIER 61												
Xavier	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Jones	40	5-8	0-0	5	2	3	11					
Freemantle	34	5-15	1-2	10	0	4	11					
Nunge	32	4-11	2-2	7	1	4	11					
Odom	23	2-6	4-4	0	1	4	8					
Scruggs	32	1-7	1-2	2	1	0	3					
Kunkel	25	6-10	0-0	0	2	1	15					
Hunter	11	0-2	2-2	1	0	3	2					
Edwards	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0					
Miles	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0					
TOTALS	—	23-60	10-12	26	7	19	61					
Three-point goals: 5-17, 29.4 (Kunkel 4-4, Jones 1-2, Nunge 1-2, Edwards 0-1, Freemantle 0-5).												
FG pct.: 38.3. FT pct.: 83.3. Team rebounds: 1.												
Turnovers: 8 (Scruggs 4, Kunkel 2, Freemantle, Nunge). Blocks: 3 (Jones, Nunge, Edwards).												
Steals: 15 (Jones 3, Freemantle 3, Odom 3, Scruggs 3, Nunge 2, Edwards).												
Uconn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Cole	32	7-13	1-2	3	3	3	16					
Sanogo	39	7-12	1-1	9	0	1	15					
Martin	33	2-8	1-2	11	3	2	6					
Whaley	29	2-3	2-4	5	2	2	6					
Jackson	25	2-6	2-2	6	1	2	6					
Polley	20	4-4	5-6	1	0	1	16					
Hawkins	14	1-5	4-4	3	0	0	7					
Gaffney	8	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	0					
TOTALS	—	25-52	16-21	42	12	11	72					
Three-point goals: 6-14, 42.9 (Polley 3-3, Cole 1-3, Martin 1-3, Hawkins 1-3, Jackson 0-2).												
FG pct.: 48.1. FT pct.: 76.2. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 18 (Sanogo 4, Martin 3, Jackson 3, Cole 2, Whaley 2, Team 2, Hawkins, Gaffney). Blocks: 6 (Whaley 4, Sanogo, Gaffney). Steals: 4 (Sanogo 2, Cole, Martin).												
Xavier	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT					
Uconn	—	44	28	—	61							
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Gampel Pavilion, Storrs.												

The Huskies answered with 7-2 a run to put themselves up 59-52. The Musketeers wouldn't get closer than four points the rest of the game.

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"Tyler's a great player and a great shooter," R.J. Cole said. "Honestly, a shooter shoots. Miss your first one, miss your second one, miss your third one. Shoot the fourth one. Just keep shooting."

As the end of Polley's fifth and final season approaches, it's a good time to look back, take the makes, forget the misses and look ahead to his last, best opportunity to be that difference maker in March.

And Tyler Polley's still shooting for it.

"It's just been such a beautiful journey, from my freshman year to now," said Polley, after scoring 16 points off the bench in the Huskies' 72-61 win over Xavier before a packed Gampel Pavilion, his happy place. "From being where we were my freshman year to being a top-25 team, a lot of heartbreak, a lot of dedication, coming back knowing we could have a special team. I'm just blessed to be in this position right now."

Polley, 6 feet 8, kills his teammates across the street, sinking one after another from the perimeter in practices in the Werth Center. Threes were his calling card when Kevin Ollie convinced him to come from Miramar, Fla., to UConn, and it's only consistency that has eluded him across the years. He and his coach, Dan Hurley, set a preseason goal for Polley to reach 1,000 points for his career; he has inched along. Now at 871, he'll need to sustain a hot streak — and help extend the season — to get there.

On Saturday, Polley hit all four shots he got off in the first half, including three from behind the 3-point arc, to help UConn build what proved to be an insurmountable lead. In the second half, Xavier had to deny him his shot and did so, but when it got interesting he went 5-for-5 from the line in the final minutes. The 16 points is the kind of productivity this UConn teams needs off the bench, and when they get it from Polley, this is your result: one more weapon than most opponents can cover.

"He's a big X Factor for them," Xavier coach Travis Steele said. "He's way better than his shooting percentage, we all know that. Tyler Polley is a tremendous player, tremendous shooter. They fly him off all those screens. You go into game saying, 'We've got to take him away,' because we know what he is capable of doing. He can get red, red hot."

Polley, shooting 33.9 percent on 3-pointers going into the game, is a better shooter than that. He shot 41.7 on threes as a freshman, and 40.5 as a junior, the year he tore his ACL after 15

games. Last season, he was the Big East's sixth man of the year, on the strength of a handful of torrid games, but finished with a 35.5 average on threes.

"Every shooter goes through slumps, and I went through one to start the season," he said. "I just try to stay confidence. God blessed me with this ability to shoot. You've got to stay confident, get can't give up, you've got to keep going."

Polley made both his threes in UConn's win over Marquette on Feb. 8, then went 1-for-9 over the next three games. Did anyone see Saturday coming?

"I think I'm a great shooter everywhere," Polley said, "even if I haven't shot the ball particularly great. Gampel is electrifying. It's just different playing here."

Polley never seriously considered leaving UConn after the loss to Maryland in his first NCAA Tournament game last March. Loves the school too much, and with an extra year of eligibility granted due to COVID, he knew Senior Day 2021 would just be a dress rehearsal for what will come March 5, when the Huskies play DePaul, last call at Gampel.

"Tyler is one of the best people, pure human beings, I've had the pleasure of coaching over the course of my entire career," Hurley said. "Tyler is such an unbelievable human being, so humble, so unselfish, such a great team guy. We talked to the seniors before the St. John's game [in New York], about what moment they were at in their career here, what was in front of them and what they could accomplish. They understand the moment, this is the best team they've been on, the best position their team has been in at this point of the season. They've got a chance to have an exciting next month."

UConn, with its X Factor in play, shot 76.2 percent from the floor against Xavier, and looked like a team ready to play its best basketball when that's supposed to happen. The Huskies have won three in a row since their loss at Xavier, Feb. 11, and go into another showdown with Villanova, another chance to show they're a team to be worried about next month.

This Tyler Polley, the version who showed Saturday, could make that difference, complete the ride from two losing seasons to deep in the NCAA Tournament. It seems we're always saying that, and sometimes we're right.

"He didn't get rattled by the last couple of games," Hurley said, "when the ball hasn't found him, he hasn't been as productive as in other big points. He didn't get rattled, he got ready."

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Creating the Shea Way

A former UConn star and assistant, Shea Ralph is embracing tough task of rebuilding Vanderbilt in her first season as a head coach

By **Alexa Philippou**
Hartford Courant

When Shea Ralph asked around for advice on starting out as a head coach, someone told her that the first few months would feel like a tsunami.

“And it was true,” said Ralph, a UConn alum and longtime assistant in Storrs who is in her first year leading the Vanderbilt women’s basketball program. “It’s like an enormous wave, and you’re just trying to figure out how to manage it, keep your head above water.”

Ralph’s first season has featured the typical highs and lows that rookie head coaches experience. After a strong start and some solid wins, Vanderbilt (12-15) looked like it could earn a WNIT bid prior to its current five-game losing streak. But wins and losses haven’t been on the forefront of Ralph’s mind; rather, it’s shaping her team into a tough out in SEC play while establishing the foundation for what she calls a “championship culture.”

She’s embracing all that comes with it along the way.

“It’s just been so neat to finally do this,” Ralph told The Courant recently. “I waited a long time, but this was absolutely the right place at the right time and the right opportunity. I’ve no doubt about it and I’m enjoying every minute.”

The Commodores have a respectable history of success, advancing to five Elite Eights and one Final Four (1993) under Jim Foster, though their most recent of 27 NCAA Tournament appearances came in 2014. When Ralph was hired in April, her task was to revitalize a program that had not finished better than .500 during the tenure of her predecessor, Stephanie White, in one of the most competitive leagues in the country.

A UConn legend from her playing days (1996-2001) and an assistant on Geno Auriemma’s staff for 13 years, Ralph had long envisioned becoming a head coach one day, and a rebuild project in Nashville didn’t scare her away.

The leadership and resources Vanderbilt offers, Ralph said, created “the perfect situation for me to walk into.” She was “meticulous” in picking her staff, which includes her husband, Tom Garrick, a former assistant at Vanderbilt who most recently coached at UMass Lowell, as well as Kevin DeMille, who worked in various roles with the UConn women before Jen Rizzotti hired him as an assistant at George Washington.

Finding the right pieces

As Ralph and Garrick looked to add “self-starters [who] had high energy and were really passionate, great relationship people,” it was a “no-brainer” to her to hire former Husky Kyla Irwin, whom Ralph coached in Storrs from 2016-2020, as the program’s director of player development and community relations. Irwin had enrolled



Vanderbilt coach Shea Ralph reacts during a game against Tennessee on Feb. 13 in Knoxville, Tenn. SAUL YOUNG/AP

to start graduate school for occupational therapy at the time Ralph reached out to her, but she felt she couldn’t pass up the “opportunity of a lifetime.”

“Shea had such a huge impact on my development as a human being that I felt like it was only right to really figure this out and help build with her and continue growing as a person with her in my corner,” Irwin said.

“There’s no better teammate maybe in history. Her and Molly Bent were two of the best teammates that I’ve ever seen and been around, and I wanted that example in our office,” Ralph added. “I hired Kyla because she’s Kyla, because I knew whatever we would give her, she would 150% give it her best effort, that she would do it with passion and energy, and that she would be great to have around not only our staff, but our players.”

When Ralph arrived at Vanderbilt, she shifted her focus to getting buy-in from her new players. The program was coming off a tough season that had abruptly ended in mid-January following a 4-4 start (0-3 in SEC play). Then, three starters transferred prior to White’s ultimate departure.

In her first meeting with the team, Ralph says she was clear about how she was going to run the program: She wasn’t going to cut corners when the long-term goal is “competing for championships [and to] have a championship program,” Ralph said. “In order to have that, you have to have a championship culture.”

To Ralph, the onus wasn’t on her new players to meet her standards as much as it was on her and the rest of the staff to earn their trust. In her experience, the best way to do that is to show investment in a player’s development not just as an athlete but as a person. Irwin helps with that too, as she describes her role as working with players off the court to “be better people and get them involved with the community.”

“When you focus on building

things the right way and laying the right kind of foundation for a healthy culture, investing in people, working day-to-day to just get a little bit better that day — because we came into something that really was starving for that — then all the winning takes care of itself,” Ralph said. “I learned that at UConn.”

Ralph appreciates that her team bought in when they didn’t have to — “that tells you the kind of kids that they are,” she said.

To Irwin, it’s just another example of the leader Ralph has long shown herself to be.

“I see every single day the energy and the time that she puts into everybody else’s life, that it’s really eye-opening to see how hard she works all the time,” Irwin said.

Seeing the returns

Ralph and company began to see the on-court return on that investment early. After being picked last in the preseason SEC poll, Vanderbilt went toe-to-toe with Arizona, who advanced to the national title game last season before losing to Stanford, in the U.S. Virgin Islands in November, ultimately losing by two on a buzzer-beater.

More than anything, the game demonstrated to her players that they are capable of battling with any team on any given day.

“In the locker room, the players are looking around like ‘Hey, we almost beat a team that no one on earth thought we would even have a shot at beating,’” Ralph said.

That fight was apparent when the Commodores, who developed a staunch defensive identity, upset Arkansas in their first SEC game. Vanderbilt has won just two other conference games since (versus Kentucky and Auburn) and is 3-10 in the league with three regular-season games remaining, but it’s had a number of tight contests, including multiple against ranked teams. Six of their losses have come by single digits, including most recently their rematch against Kentucky, 69-64.

“She’s constantly talking and telling the girls about working hard every single possession, but not thinking about the next possession, focus on the possession right here,” Irwin said

“You’re gonna have to fight, and we’re gonna fight you back for every single point that you get and for every single win,” Ralph added.

Creating her culture

Establishing that will to fight and competitive spirit is the first step to Ralph, the foundation off which she envisions greater results will follow. Ralph may not be used to losing much in her UConn days, but she knows a culture transformation won’t happen overnight, and she’s OK with that.

“Obviously I want to win games, but I’m not going to sacrifice any of that to get a game here and a game there,” Ralph said. “I’m not going to do it. And the players know that, and I think they’ve started to see that when you operate that way, the end result is always a win.”

So with March around the corner, does Ralph feel like she’s through the tsunami just yet?

“No,” she admitted. “But I do feel like I’m in a lifeboat with others.”

But when a big wave is coming at you, Ralph continues, if you stand up and don’t do anything, you’ll get knocked over and absorb the full impact of what’s hitting you. Instead, if you put your head down and go underneath it, you can beat the worst of it and come out on the other end much better.

“We’ve kind of leaned into the fact that it’s uncomfortable and we’re embracing the hard part of it and we’re kind of diving in together so that we get underneath it, it’s not as bad as we thought and we come up with a win sometimes,” Ralph said. “And a lot of times we do. We’re getting better, and then we’re ready for the next wave.”

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

After early expansion fails, job only gets tougher

By **Ralph D. Russo**
Associated Press

Not expanding the College Football Playoff sooner won’t make it easier to expand it later.

“In fact, I think it becomes more complicated,” Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey told The Associated Press on Friday.

The CFP is set to remain a four-team format through the 2025 season after the administrators who manage the postseason failed to agree on a plan to expand before the current contracts run out.

What started with an enthusiastic unveiling of a plan for a 12-team playoff last summer has come to a halt. The college sports leaders tasked with working out the details are at an impasse.

“Seems like everyone says they’re committed to expand the CFP, but it’s hard to believe that because we can’t expand the CFP,” Sun Belt Commissioner Keith Gill told The AP.

The management committee, comprised of 10 conference commissioners and Notre Dame’s athletic director, met by video conference earlier this week.

“Time was running out,” American Athletic Conference Commissioner Mike Aresco said. “The disappointment also stems from the fact that I think we will eventually get there and I think 12-team is still the most likely scenario.”

Aresco, who released a letter Monday detailing the obstacles to expansion, said the purpose of this week’s meeting was to determine if anyone’s position had changed.

The answer was no.

The university presidents who make up the Board of Managers on Thursday accepted the commissioners’ recommendation to abandon the idea of early implementation and directed them to keep working on a new format for the 2026 season.

“After 2025 there is no playoff,” Aresco said.

This process actually started after the 2018 season. With calls for expansion already coming, the presidents asked the management committee for a plan for the next evolution of the CFP. The hope was it could be implemented a few years early instead of waiting for the current 12-year media rights deal with ESPN to run out.

Sankey was part of the four-person subcommittee that produced the 12-team proposal after two years of work. The plan called for the field to be comprised of the six highest-ranked conference champions in FBS and six at-large teams determined by selection committee rankings. The top four seeds would get byes. Four first-round games would be played on the home fields of the higher-ranked teams. Quarterfinals and semifinals would be hosted by bowl games.

The decision to shelve early expansion came as no surprise. The commissioners left their last in-person meetings in early January gridlocked, frustrated and unable to produce the unanimous consensus needed to move forward. A few days after the meetings in Indianapolis, Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Jim Phillips took the strongest public stance yet against early expansion, saying a new CFP format should not be a priority with so much uncertainty throughout college sports.

On Friday, the commissioners made it official, announcing they had given up on trying to implement expansion for the final two years of the ESPN deal — a failure that will cost the conferences an estimated \$450 million in additional revenue.

The road to expansion appeared to be much smoother eight months ago, when the CFP unveiled the 12-team plan.

About a month later, it was revealed the SEC was in talks with Texas and Oklahoma to leave the Big 12 and join the powerhouse league that has produced 12 of the last 17 national champions.

Relatively new commissioners in the Big Ten, Pac-12 and ACC, already leery of a process that started before they were involved with the CFP, became even more disillusioned after learning of the SEC’s expansion plan.

Since then progress has stalled, despite more than half a dozen in-person meetings with the commissioners.

Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren has said he favors automatic bids for the champions of the Power Five leagues, instead of the six best champs regardless of conference. The commissioners of the non-Power Five conferences, the so-called Group of Five that includes the AAC and Sun Belt, are against that.

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team-high 16.3 points per game with Bueckers sidelined and sporting four 20-point games. After not feeling 100% after taking what Auriemma called “a couple solid hits” to the head the first week in February, Ducharme had to watch from the bench as the Huskies demolished Tennessee, lost to Villanova, and took care of business against both DePaul and Villanova.

Watching from the sidelines helped her see what the coaches mean when they say the team needs to improve its decision-making and reads, but Ducharme missed the game “a lot,” she said Friday after UConn’s 89-35 win, even if she knew she had to take her time in making her return.

“[It was] definitely frustrating, but I think just trying to be smart about it and make the right decision, take time, make sure I’m fully back because I don’t want it to be a lingering issue,” Ducharme said. “[It was] just seeing how I feel, taking a little more time to make sure that everything was okay. A lot of it was just day-to-day seeing how I feel, so I felt good [Friday].”

Ducharme tries not to overthink things, part of the reason why she’s been so good for UConn this year. But finally getting to get back out there translated into her playing quite freely at Xavier, especially early on when the Huskies were looking for a spark.

“A lot of it was I was just excited to be out there and play again,”

Ducharme said. “It felt good to be out there with my teammates and be able to help any way I could.”

With Ducharme and Nelson-Ododa back, Friday was just the second time since Bueckers’ injury that the Huskies had an otherwise fully healthy roster. And now that Bueckers is back into the fold at practice and eyeing a return in the coming weeks, the optimism surrounding a team whose ceiling looks increasingly dangerous has never been higher.

“It’s been a while since we’ve had this many people,” Ducharme said. “So it’s been exciting to see everyone getting healthy, finding their groove and being able to all actually play together.”

Sunday versus Georgetown (7-16, 2-13 Big East), the Huskies (18-5, 12-1) will get their next opportunity to see how they can put all that together.

“I think that’s when we play our best, is when we are deep team, but we’ve been injured so much,” Ducharme said. “So having everyone there, everyone playing, everyone contributing, it’s been fun.”

Here’s what you need to know.

Time: 2 p.m.

Site: XL Center

Series: UConn leads, 47-6

Last meeting: No. 2 UConn 64, Georgetown 40, Feb. 12, 2021, in Washington, D.C.

TV: CBS Sports Network (Jason Horowitz, Julianne Viani, Sherree Burruss)

Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Georgetown probable starters, sixth man

Milan Bolden-Morris, G, 5-10, Gr.; Kelsey Ransom, G, 5-10, So.; Kaylin West, G, 5-7, Gr.; Brianna Scott, F, 6-4, Fr.; Jillian Archer, F, 6-2, Sr.; Ariel Jenkins, F, 6-3, Fr.

UConn probable starters, sixth man

Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.

The matchup

UConn’s offense: The Huskies are coming off their most well-rounded offensive output all season, with each of their 10 available players scoring at least five points against Xavier and five (Williams, Edwards, Fudd, Ducharme and Piath Gabriel) hitting double figures.

UConn’s defense: UConn is at its best when it is engaged and active on defense, which in turn fuels its offense. The turning point of the Xavier game was when the Huskies did just that, allowing them to go on a 37-0 run spanning the second and third quarters.

Georgetown’s offense: The Hoyas average 59.9 points per game on 38.6% shooting, one of the worst offenses in the Big East. They are turnover-prone, committing 176 per game. Ransom and Bolden-Morris combine for 25.9 points per game.

Georgetown’s defense: Georgetown allows 69.6 points per game on 41.2% shooting and 34.8% from 3, one of the worst marks in the

country.

UConn keys: Start intentional, forceful on defense, to get all elements of the game going. Hit shots from the arc. Another well-balanced effort with an array of players contributing.

Player to watch: Westbrook has continued to thrive in her new role coming off the bench after starting the majority of her UConn career. Auriemma called Westbrook’s performance at Marquette on Sunday “amazing... probably the best game she’s played since she’s been at Connecticut.” Setting aside a few turnovers Friday, she ultimately came through with a well-rounded effort of seven points on 3 for 4 shooting (1 for 1 on 3), five rebounds, five assists and two steals. She made some great defensive plays in the second quarter that helped initiate UConn’s 37-0 run. Look to see how she continues to help the team when it needs a spark down the stretch.

About Georgetown’s coach: James Howard has been head coach at Georgetown since June 2017, with previous stops at Bethune-Cookman, Howard, George Mason and more. The program last had a winning season in 2018-19.

Georgetown’s mascot: Jack the Bulldog

Famous alumni: Former president Bill Clinton, former NBA player/current Georgetown men’s coach Patrick Ewing, journalist and former First Lady of California Maria Shriver

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SPORTS

OLYMPICS ALPINE SKIING

Plenty went wrong for US

Associated Press

BEIJING — A United States team led by Mikaela Shiffrin is leaving the Beijing Olympics with just one of the 30 individual medals in Alpine skiing. And it's a silver (from Ryan Cochran-Siegle in the men's super-G).

The country responsible for Winter Games success stories such as Bode Miller, Lindsey Vonn, Ted Ligety and Julia Mancuso over the past two decades alone last earned just one ski racing medal at an Olympics in 1998 — and at least that was a gold. So really, you have to go all the way back to 1988, when Americans earned zero Alpine medals, to find a worse showing than 2022.

“We have clear goals and expectations that we build into our program,” head U.S. women's Alpine coach Paul Kristofic said, “and, of course, when you don't do that, it's disappointing.”

There is one last chance for a medal Sunday in

the team parallel race, an event added to the Olympics in 2018. Shiffrin is part of the U.S. roster for that, along with Paula Moltzan, AJ Hurt, River Radamus, Tommy Ford and Luke Winters.

So what went wrong for the U.S. this time? A lot, it turns out.

Start with Shiffrin, already one of the most accomplished skiers in history at age 26, with three medals from past Olympics — two golds, one silver.

She entered all five women's races in China and this is how they went, in order: giant slalom, Did Not Finish; slalom, Did Not Finish; super-G, ninth; downhill, 18th; combined, Did Not Finish.

“I don't really understand it, and I'm not sure when I'm going to have much of an explanation,” Shiffrin said Thursday, when she tumbled about 10 seconds into the slalom portion of the combined after being

fifth in the downhill. “And I can't explain to you how frustrated I am to not know what I can learn from the day.”

Put simply: The world's best skier in recent years produced poor performances over the past 1 ½ weeks.

Other issues for the U.S. included the absence of Breezy Johnson, the second-best women's World Cup downhiller this season, who missed the Olympics after surgery; Ford raced for the first time since getting seriously injured in January 2021; a smaller men's team of just six racers because of rules changes, so only one American entered the slalom and, for the first time, zero entered the combined.

The best showing by an American woman was Moltzan's eighth place in slalom.

Aside from Cochran-Siegle's silver, the only American man to fare better than

12th was Radamus' fourth place in giant slalom.

Maybe medals, especially golds, aren't the only measures of Winter Games success. They are, though, what matters most when judging a team.

“It's the real superstars that have had the medal hauls in recent Olympics,” head U.S. men's Alpine coach Forest Carey said, “and on the men's side, anyway, we don't have those superstars.”

At the Pyeongchang Games four years ago, the American men didn't earn an Alpine medal, but the women got three.

Other U.S. medal totals this century: five in 2014, eight in 2010, two in 2006, two in 2002.

“It is a bit strange, because usually the Americans are always strong at big events,” Italian skier Alex Vinatzer said. “But at the end of the day, a one-off event is a one-off event, and it's hard to do well.”

BRUINS

Cassidy: Defense needs to be nastier

By Steve Conroy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Bruce Cassidy is looking for a little more bite from his defense corps.

After the Bruins' morning skate in Ottawa on Saturday, the coach made that completely clear. While speaking about the progression of rookie defenseman Urho Vaakanainen, Cassidy challenged his entire blue line group to be a little edgier than it has been.

“In general back there we've got a lot of nice guys on our team, and we need to be more like (expletive), to be honest with,” said Cassidy, using some salty vernacular for a male anatomical part. “I don't know if Urho is going to be that guy, but we'd like him to develop into a shutdown guy who can be a little harder to play against. We'd like our whole D corps to bring a little more of that, even though they're not by nature...like Charlie (McAvoy), when he brings it. When (Jean-Gabriel) Pageau hit (Brandon) Carlo the other night, all of a sudden you see Charlie, the competitiveness ramps up. He didn't get hit, his teammate did. We need more of that from the whole group, to be honest with you.”

What Cassidy was going to do with his defense corps for Saturday night's game against the Senators in Ottawa hinged on the availability of Carlo. The lanky defenseman was cut on the wrist by Linus Ullmark's skate blade in the team's morning skate, putting his availability was in question. But Carlo took warmups and was deemed good to go.

That made Derek Forbort a healthy scratch for the first time after signing a three-year, \$9 million deal in the summer.

“Well, he has to be harder,”

said Cassidy. “You have to execute, you have to play to your strengths. He's been good on the kill, but puck play to me the other night was one of our worst as a group back there. We need to execute, battle for possession of the puck more. And obviously though the neutral zone as a forward group, we had some turnovers as well. The top guys, bottom guys. And it ended up costing us the game in the end.”

One D-man's star who appears to be on the rise is Vaakanainen's. He returned from a concussion in Thursday's game and started on the third pair on the right side. But by the second period, he had been elevated to the top pair with McAvoy. That's where he was expected to start on Saturday.

“He's got more to prove, more to give,” said Cassidy. “We're giving him opportunity for the obvious reasons that he was the most consistent D-man in Providence when we called him up. That's why he's here. A shutdown role is something he can gravitate toward because that's what we drafted him for, and I think we need a little more of that in our game.”

Vaakanainen, who also suffered some heavy swelling around his eye on the hit from behind by Yanni Gourde on February 1, was pleasantly surprised at how well he felt in his return game against the Islanders. And getting to play with McAvoy buoys his confidence, as it would for most players.

“Obviously it's a nice thing. Chuckie is a great D-man and it's fun to play with him. I think it helps my game and it helps with my confidence to get the coaches' trust to put me in with him,” said Vaakanainen.

Wind creates a full-blown mess at Olympics

Associated Press

BEIJING — Olympic organizers closed the ski slopes, then shortened the cross-country course by 40%.

They forged ahead in the halfpipe, and that turned into a full-blown mess.

With the Winter Games whipping toward their finish, Mother Nature swirled up something fierce in the mountains around Beijing on Saturday. Gusts up to 40 mph prompted delays and disarray at several outdoor events, with wind chills down to minus 26 degrees

Fahrenheit making Olympians miserable on the penultimate day of competition.

Mikaela Shiffrin's hopes for a medal-worthy ending at what has been a maddening Games for her were pushed back a day when the mixed team parallel event was postponed. The men's 50-kilometer cross-country ski race, meanwhile, was delayed and then trimmed to 30 kilometers.

Men's freestyle skiers went off as scheduled at the halfpipe, but hardly as planned. Riders toned the difficulty of their runs way

down, and still several of them suffered terrifying falls due to the gusty conditions.

“I had so much prepared,” American silver medalist David Wise said. “It's like I cooked a meal for everybody and I didn't get to share it.”

Chaos cropped up indoors, too. Defending champion Nana Takagi crashed out of the mass start semifinals, the second time the Japanese speedskater fell while leading a race in Beijing. Takagi stumbled and her left hand touched the rinkside padding before she slid

on her side into the outer padding.

Nico Porteous of New Zealand was thrilled to escape the halfpipe with a men's freestyle skiing gold. Bronze winner Alex Ferreira was happy to escape at all.

“I mean, I'm alive,” the American said.

Porteous hit his head while trying a double-cork 1440 on his final run. Earlier, he had executed two 1620-degree spins — one spinning to his right, the other to his left — that was good for a score of 93 and a lead nobody was going to overcome.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
FARMINGTON 85, EAST CATHOLIC 76 (2OT)
EAST CATHOLIC (14-5): Luke Reilly 7-0-16, Allyn Wright 3-3-9, Rob Elliott 7-0-14, James Jones 11-11-35, Leondre Sanchez 1-0-2. Totals 29-14-76.
FARMINGTON (14-5): Jordan Anthony 6-2-14, Christian Harris 0-2-2, Jahkai Veal 2-3-8, Chad Rizzo 3-2-11, Jared Young 4-14-23, Nick Duncan 12-3-27. Totals 27-26-85.
EC 9 13 13 21 13 7 — 76
F 15 10 16 13 16 — 85
SIMSBURY 60, BLOOMFIELD 50
SIMSBURY (13-6): Anthony Simpson 2-0-4, Aidan Riordan 7-3-19, Keenan Willison 2-2-7, Chris Kokines 5-10-20, Alex Pepper 1-3-5, Nate Belzer 1-0-2, Nick Cordani 0-3-3. Totals 18-21-60.
BLOOMFIELD (16-3): Dallas Rose 0-1-1, Jaysean Williams 2-3-7, Shane Bell 2-0-6, Cayden Smith 7-10-18, Lake McLean 3-3-9, Jansyn Booth 2-0-4, Davion Kerr 1-3-5. Totals 18-20-50.
S 11 16 12 — 60
B 9 17 10 14 — 50
BERLIN 71, E.O. SMITH 61
BERLIN (14-5): Marino Fanelli 5-2-14, Michael Ciarcia 5-2-15, Toby Leverhart 0-2-2, Zach Skinner 3-4-10, River Eberhardt 1-1-4, Ryan Stec 10-6-26. Totals 24-12-71.
E.O. SMITH (7-12): Dar Jankovic 4-0-10, Peter Elumogo 1-4-6, Jackson Stearns 9-0-21, Leon Lin 6-5-18, Noah Cordone 2-2-6. Totals 22-11-61.
B 9 18 25 19 — 71
E.O. 10 11 15 25 — 61
MIDDLETOWN 57, SOUTHTOWN 39
MIDDLETOWN (12-6): Petgrave 5-2-13, Steuervald 5-2-14, Vaughter 2-0-4, Wilborn 2-0-4, Butler 2-1-5, Freeman 1-0-2, Torres 4-1-9, Drake 1-0-2, McDaniel 1-2-4. Totals 23-8-57.
SOUTHTOWN (4-15): Ryan Hammarlund 2-2-7, Aidan Buck 7-1-16, Carson Lentini 1-0-2, Ian Beierle 1-0-2, John Flynn 1-0-2, Dan McGectrick 2-0-4. Totals 17-23-39.
M 12 20 16 9 — 57
S 8 12 6 13 — 39
NEWINGTON 51, ENFIELD 45
NEWINGTON (10-9): Gavin Gray 4-0-9, Trey Guest 6-1-13, Nick Gagliardi 5-3-15, Noah Tharaldson 1-1-3, Sean Hurley 2-4-11. Totals 19-9-51.
ENFIELD (8-11): Kaden Birkett 2-2-7, Josiah Whaley 3-0-6, Jaiden Davis 2-1-5, Fritz-Carly Andre 1-0-2, Isaiah Plummer 4-1-12, Alex Herron 1-0-2, Tighe Thebe-deau 5-0-11. Totals 18-4-45.
N 13 13 6 19 — 51
E 9 5 11 20 — 45
PRINCE TECH 95, WINDHAM TECH 62
PRINCE TECH (15-3): Jordan Jackson 9-0-22, Kayne Foster 10-5-27, Dajon Nelson 5-5-17, Jordan Iverson 4-2-10, Atarian Salmon 5-3-14, Early Kollie 2-0-4. Totals 35-15-95.
WINDHAM TECH (15-4): Daniel Toce 2-0-5, Alex Johnson 3-0-7, Brody Belanger 4-2-13, Dylan Desautels 1-0-2, Danny Meikle 1-0-2, Joey Johnson 9-10-28. Totals 22-13-62.
PT 25 19 22 29 — 95
WT 18 13 11 20 — 62
XAVIER 54, NORTH HAVEN 46
NORTH HAVEN (2-18): Aiden Bostico 3-0-7, Matt Bostico 5-0-14, Maxwell Corigan 2-4-8, Adam Pandolfi 6-1-14, Matt Cocco 1-0-2, Brendan Grudberg 0-1-1. Totals 17-6-46.
XAVIER (12-7): John Carrozzeola 1-2-4, Ethan Bessoni 0-2-2, Colby Ciampi 6-1-13, Vik Vakati 1-0-3, Anthony Parker 7-2-16, Aidan Driscoll 6-0-12, Mark Schoonmaker 1-2-4. Totals 22-9-54.
NH 13 13 9 11 — 46
X 6 14 15 19 — 54
Others
STONINGTON 69, SMSA 68
STONINGTON (16-3): Dorian White 3-4-3-9, Sam Hinchey 6-1-16, Nate Cyr 4-0-2, Cam Montalto 6-0-12. Totals 23-5-69.
SMSA (16-3): King Shaw 7-3-17, Nizayah Bogar 5-2-14, Abijah Miller 3-3-9, Kemani Thompson 8-2-20, Daniel Hernandez 1-2-4, Nathanael Warren 1-0-2. Totals 25-12-68.

ST	23	8	18	20	—	69
SM	12	23	12	21	—	68

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments
NCCC—First Round
SUFFIELD 52, ROCKVILLE 42
ROCKVILLE (6-14): Layla Tate 3-2-8, Sara Stone 1-3-5, Julia Szuminski 3-0-8, Anaya Tolton 1-2-4, Jordan Karpiif 3-0-7, Chloe Keane 0-2-2, Jenny Gorski 4-0-8. Totals 15-9-40.
SUFFIELD (12-9): Jordan Dion 4-2-13, Lexi Mailloux 1-1-3, Cami Bosco 4-7-15, Ava Toomey 5-0-10, Lily Johnson 2-7-11. Totals 16-17-52.
R 5 11 6 20 — 40
S 17 8 15 12 — 52
BOYS HOCKEY
CCC-South
NEWINGTON CO-OP 7, NORTHEASTERN 2
NO 0 1 1 — 2
NE 1 2 5 — 7
Goals: NE—Josh Grimm, Evan Howard, Jack Reynolds, Mike Deegan, Evan Oliver, Jack Petronio, Derek Heckler
NO—Patrick Frommer, Carter Dalrymple.
Saves: Jeremy Wagner, 12
NO—Bauer Cordeiro Larkin, 29. Rec.: **NE—**14-3 **NO—**4-12.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Others
EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 1, MATIGNON (MASS.) 1 (OT)
EC 0 1 0 0 — 1
M 1 0 0 0 — 1
Goals: EC—Jessica Pollack; **M—**Mae Lafferty.
Saves: EC—Kelsey Kowal, 11
M—Gianna McCusker, 22. Rec.: **EC—**12-5 **M—**4-7-2.

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

NCCC
SOMERS 59, STAFFORD 49
NVL
WCA 82, ST. PAUL 67
Others
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC 69, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 60
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN (19-1): Mekhi Conner 3-1-8, Timaury Gay 1-0-3, Amare Davis 2-0-5, Andrew Lazarre 4-2-10, Tashe Jones 6-4-18, Jordan Elliot 6-2-16. Totals 22-9-60.
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC (18-1): Matthew Curtis 14-5-38, Jehyvic Spencer 4-1-9, London Jemison 1-0-2, Gianni Mirabello 1-0-3, Badara Diakite 1-1-3, Hayden Abdullah 6-2-14. Totals 27-10-69.
Note: Curtis broke the NWC scoring record that had been held since 1980.
NWC coach John Mirabello earned his 600th career win.
CLASSICAL 45, WAMOGO 35
MIDDLETOWN 51, WEST HAVEN 47

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments
CCC—Quarterfinals (Enfield HS)
WINDSOR 38, ENFIELD 33
WINDSOR (14-6): Janet Woodard 2-0-5, Ayanna Franks 9-4-24, Tyler Welsh 1-0-3, Amaia Stevens 0-2-2, Summer Riley 1-0-2, Mikaela Williams 0-2-2. Totals 13-8-38.
ENFIELD (20-28): Alyssa Rossignol 7-3-17, Amayah Rosado 1-5-8, Alyssa Hosig 2-0-6, Sydney Marshall 0-0-0, Megan Marcotte 1-0-2. Totals 9-8-33.
W 11 5 12 10 — 38
E 12 6 6 9 — 33
SOUTHTOWN 41, CONARD 35
NCCC—Quarterfinals
BOLTON 35, ELLINGTON 23
ELLINGTON (10-11): Sophia Vrakas 1-0-2, Hannah Kozik 3-0-7, Julia Sternat 1-0-3, Grace Bontempo 1-2-4, Jenna Garrow 2-0-4, Abbie Tishon 1-0-3. Totals 9-2-23.
BOLTON (16-5): Emma Diehl 4-5-14, Niya Islam 3-2-9, Julia Zimmerman 1-0-2, Makenna Graves 3-3-9, Julia Graves 0-1-1. Totals 11-11-35.
B 4 2 2 15 — 23
E 7 6 12 10 — 35
SOMERS 60, WINDSOR LOCKS 37
WINDSOR LOCKS (12-9): Kate Gough 1-0-3, Noshen Perez 1-0-2, Alana Picard 3-0-7, Angelina Jones 1-3-6, Tristin

Oberg 4-2-10, Jasmine Hurdle 3-2-9. Totals 13-7-37.
SOMERS (16-5): Sydney Cassidy 3-0-7, Deidre Dalessio 4-1-11, Devon Dalessio 3-1-8, Eliana Wood 6-4-18, Erin Donohue 2-0-6, Halle Watt 4-0-8. Totals 23-6-60.
WL 12 9 10 5 — 37
S 24 12 14 10 — 60
GRANBY 46, SUFFIELD 34
Shoreline—Quarterfinals
EAST HAMPTON 50, WESTBROOK 20
WESTBROOK (9-12): Jami Sacco 6-0-15, Sadie Susi 1-0-2, Xan Zanzalari 0-0-0, Adrianna Stranieri 0-1-1, Leticia Pires 1-0-2. Totals 8-1-20.
EAST HAMPTON (19-2): Olivia DeMartino 5-2-12, Liana Salamone 9-2-23, Jackie Russell 1-0-2, Jordan Murphy 2-1-5, Katie Ireland 3-1-8. Totals 20-50-50.
W 4 4 7 5 — 20
TH 14 8 34 14 — 50
CROMWELL 55, MORGAN 40
MORGAN (9-12): Cayley Ayer 1-5-7, Katie Martin 6-4-16, Ava Johnson 3-5-13, Victoria O'Neill 1-2-4, Sofie Passante 0-0-0. Totals 11-16-40.
CROMWELL (17-4): Kayla Nappi 0-1-1, Grace Mikan 4-0-11, Cameryn Hickey 3-4-10, Brynn Kovacs 2-0-4, Jessica Grodzicki 2-0-4, Nevaeh Clark 4-3-12, Adela Cecunjanin 4-5-13. Totals 19-13-55.
M 5 16 8 11 — 40
C 12 10 16 17 — 55
VALLEY REGIONAL 59, OLD LYME 25
OLD LYME (13-8): Ava Roth 3-0-8, Kate Walsh 2-0-4, Melanie Warren 1-1-3, Ali Kyle 1-0-2, Alexis Fenton 3-1-8. Totals 10-2-25.
VALLEY REGIONAL (18-3): Ava Cunningham 1-0-2, Abby Bradbury 7-2-21, Bitzy Klomp 1-0-2, Liz Allen 5-0-11, Olivia Cunningham 2-1-5, Siena Schaller 2-0-4, Lily Grow 6-2-14. Totals 24-5-59.
OL 7 10 3 5 — 25
VR 18 9 16 16 — 59

CCC—Quarterfinals
MERCY 47, GUILFORD 38
GUILFORD (14-8): Keyra Reynolds 2-0-5, Faith O'Donnell 4-5-14, Kat Baseggio 0-0-0, Miabella Diaz 2-1-5, Lauren Cumteen 7-0-14. Totals 15-6-38.
Shoreline—Quarterfinals: Westbrook at East Hampton, noon Morgan at Cromwell, 3p.m. Old Lyme at Valley Regional, 4p.m. Coginchaug at North Branford, 7p.m. 7-8-47.5.
G 14 7 13 4 — 38
M 15 10 14 8 — 47
HAND 55, HILLHOUSE 50 (OT)
CCC—Quarterfinals
Division 1 (Fitch HS)
BACON ACADEMY 56, WATERFORD 47
WATERFORD (13-9): Julia Knowles 3-2-8, Sophia Hathaway 2-0-4, Natalie Lombardi 4-0-9, Mia Chiappone 2-0-5, Milena Walker 9-3-21. Totals 20-5-47.
BACON ACADEMY (20-2): Emily Ferrigno 2-0-4, Valerie Luizzi 5-3-16, Marissa Nudd 6-10-25, Cara Shea 1-0-3, Elizabeth Glover 1-0-2, Emma Mancuso 3-0-6. Totals 18-13-56.
W 8 11 15 15 — 56
BA 13 11 17 15 — 56
NVL—Quarterfinal
ST. PAUL 66, WATERTOWN 51
WATERTOWN (12-9): Marissa Forino 7-3-22, Casey O'Toole 1-1-3, Alana Jackson 4-4-15, Paige Daigenault 5-0-10, Isabella Beauty 0-1-1. Totals 17-9-51.
ST. PAUL (16-4): Sam Naples 3-3-9, Audrey Tice 4-4-12, Izzy Leggett 0-4-4, Abbey Stanford 1-0-2, Nadia Reimer 9-2-24, Zoey Rubins 4-2-10, Sarah Lindquist 1-0-2, Alexis Tierpack 2-0-4. Totals 24-15-66.
W 6 11 21 13 — 51
SP 12 14 19 21 — 66

BOYS HOCKEY

CCC-South
NEWINGTON CO-OP 2, NORTHEASTERN 0
CCC-Inter
CONARD 4, HALL 1
C 1 1 0 2 — 4
H 1 0 0 — 1
Goals: C—Aiden Emery (2), Gavin McGowan, Brady Narus
H—Ben Gerken.
Saves: C—Graydon Selstad, 19
H—Aeden Mallett, 33. Rec.: **C—**8-8-2
H—6-10
Others
WOODLAND ACADEMY 3, E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND 1
NEW MILFORD 3, ROCKY HILL CO-OP 2 (OT)

TRI-TOWN 7, STAPLES 0
SGWL 4, BBD 1
EASTERN CT 6, CHESHIRE 4
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC 5, XAVIER 4

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC
HAMDEN CO-OP 3, HAND CO-OP 0
Others
NEW CANAAN 4, EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 0
NC 0 2 2 — 4
EC 0 0 0 — 0
Goals: NC—Kaleigh Harden (2), Amanda Benson, Grace Crowell.
Saves: **NC—**Nikki Ferraro, 20; **EC—**Maren Riley, 31. Rec.: **NC—**17-0-1; **EC—**10-5-4.
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC CO-OP 5, STAMFORD CO-OP 2
SUFFIELD CO-OP 11, FAIRFIELD CO-OP 3

WRESTLING

CIAC State Divisional Championships
CLASS LL (TRUMBULL HS)
Top 5 teams: T-1. Danbury and East Hartford, 232; 3. Fairfield Warde, 204; 4. Ridgefield, 146.5; 5. Southington, 144.5.
106: Isaac Quiles, East Hartford dec. Deydson Soto, Danbury, 9-3
113: Dominic Barrella, Ridgefield dec. Dominick Spadaro, Fairfield Warde, 10-3
120: Ben Zuckerman, Fairfield Warde dec. Alex Blaha, Ridgefield, 1-0
126: Nathan Blaha, Ridgefield pinned Josh Howard, Southington, 3:43
125: Benjamin Gorr, Southington pinned Nick Fatone, Norwalk, 3:43
138: Kai O'Dell, Danbury pinned Colton Thorpe, Southington, 4:58
145: Logan Kovacs, Danbury, major dec. Joseph Cardozo, Fairfield Prep, 8-0
152: Lucas Coleman, Fairfield Warde dec. Lucas Ferreira, Ridgefield, 7-5
160: Drayon Roberts, East Hartford pinned Andrey Kosygun, Ridgefield, 2:21
170: William Ebert, Fairfield Warde pinned Xavier Quiles, East Hartford, 1:19
182: Dominic Iaquinio, Danbury dec. Connor Smith, Fairfield Prep, 7-4
195: Brendan Gilchrist, Norwalk pinned Aethan Munden, Trumbull, 2:21
220: Lukas Cyliwik, Trumbull dec. Nehemias Pettway, Fairfield Warde, 4-2
285: Nuh Ajdiniski, Danbury pinned Joseph Mazzarella, Southington, 4:27
CLASS L (WILTON HS)
Top 5 teams: 1. Xavier, 318.5; 2. Simsbury, 234.5; 3. Newtown, 173.5; 4. New Milford, 159; 5. Guilford, 142.
106: Raekwon Shabazz, Xavier pinned Alex Oberc New Milford, 1:27
113: Maximus Morse, Xavier major dec. Griffin Devivo, Simsbury, 9-1
120: Jackson Heslin, Xavier dec. William Hamilton, Bristol Central, 8-5
126: Evan Lindner, New Milford dec. Kyle Levesque, Xavier, 9-2
132: Luca Manfredi, Newtown dec. Anthony Basile, Xavier, 10-9
138: Dylan Levesque, Xavier major dec. Marc Maurath, Newtown, 18-6
145: John Mairano, Simsbury tech. fall Maximus Plier, New Milford, 17-2; 5:13
152: Zach Johns, Simsbury major dec. Colin Loria, Xavier, 9-1
160: Edward Barlage, Guilford dec. Alexander Marshall, Bristol Eastern, 3-2
170: Jesse Baldwin, Middletown dec. John Portley, Hand, 3-0
182: Brent Strand, Guilford dec. Shane Hurley, Farmington, 6-0
195: Christopher Murphy, Guilford pinned Devon Schmidt, Farmington, 1:03
220: Thomas Lunt, Xavier dec. James Duhancik, Stratford, 9-6
285: Matt Weiner, Shelton pinned Vincent Scleppio, Xavier, 0:30
CLASS M (EAST HAVEN HS)
Top 5 teams: 1. Branford, 261.5; 2. Foran, 226.5; 3. Berlin, 155.5; 4. RHAM, 150.5; T-5. Avon and Plainville, 119.
106: Marlon Arbio, Berlin pinned Jackson Tassoni, Ellis Tech, 1:15
138: Isaac Adams, Avon dec. Jerry Hill, Bethel, 8-5
120: Antonio Madero, Foran major dec. Danny Carrozza, Brookfield, 12-0
126: Matthew Carrozza, Brookfield major dec. Caleb Phillips, E.O. Smith, 13-2
132: Scott Romano, Barlow dec. Craig Mager, Foran, 5-1
138: Jace Kora, Branford dec. Zackary Kanaitis Hebron, RHAM, 6-3

Providence downs Wolf Pack, 3-1

HARTFORD – The Providence Bruins jumped out to a two-goal first-period lead and defeated the Wolf Pack 3-1 in an AHL Atlantic Division game at the XL Center on Saturday night.

Eduards Tralmaks opened the scoring at 13:35 of the first and Joona Koppanen made it 2-0 at 19:29.

Matt Lorito got Hartford within a goal when he scored at 10:16 of the second before Koppanen added his second for insurance to close out the scoring 16:36 of the second. — *Staff*

145: Joseph Kennedy, Plainville dec. Kyle Pokornowski, Foran, 5-2
152: Caiden Talento, Platt dec. Roel Johnson, Avon, 8-2
160: Patrick Zdunek, Branford dec. Jeremy Devine, RHAM, 8-5
170: Cole Snider, Branford dec. Ryan McLaughlin, Bunnell, 5-2
182: Alexander Santini, Plainville pinned Elijah Bean, Ellis Tech, 7:12
195: Nate Matthis, Branford pinned Nicholas Demanche, Bunnell, 3:28
220: Brandon Toscano, Bunnell dec. Drew Schwartz, Branford, 7-1
CLASS S (KILLBUCK HS)
Top 5 teams: 1. Haddam-Killingworth, 267.5; 2. Killingly, 184.5; 3. Windham, 171.5; 4. New Fairfield, 137; 5. Montville, 125.
106: Joe Mahoney, New Fairfield dec. Brody Zadora, Killingly, 6-4
113: Ethan Wright, Haddam-Killingworth pinned Reese Titus, Canton, 1:13
120: Ethan Titus, Canton pinned Luke Chapman, Montville, 4:30
126: Kaden Ware, Killingly dec. James Linder Jr., Montville, 5-0
132: Connor Doran, Ledyard major dec. Elias Sturdevant, Woodland, 14-2
138: Blake Chapman, Montville dec. Thomas Buck, New Fairfield, 6-4
145: Jack Richardson, Killingly pinned Cavin Napoletano, Haddam-Killingworth, 1:06
152: Benjamin Williams, Haddam-Killingworth pinned Carson Brown, Bacon Academy, 2:50
160: Nicholas Glynn, Haddam-Killingworth pinned Ryker Bahre, Canton, 1:57
170: Jack Wendel, Nonnewaug major dec. Jacob Martone, Haddam-Killingworth, 11-0
182: Anthony Deicicchi, Seymour pinned Ryan Duncanson, Haddam-Killingworth, 1:53
195: Samuel Young, Haddam-Killingworth pinned Soren Rief, Killingly, 3:31
220: Jordan Armstrong, Morgan pinned Yael Garcia-Rodriguez, Windham, 2:49
285: Doug Traynor, New Fairfield pinned Don Shivas, Derby/Oxford/Holy Cross, 5:57

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

CIAC State Open (Floyd Little AC, New Haven)
Top 10 teams: 1. Danbury, 36; 2. Barlow, 30; 3. Sheehan, 27; 4. Gastonbury, 25; 7. Windsor and Bloomfield, 24; 7. Fairfield Ludlowe, 21; 8. Somers, 20; 9. Hillhouse, 18; 10. Maloney.
55meters: 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 7.01; 2. Nyasia Dailey, Middletown, 7.17; 3. D'Jior Delisser, Bloomfield, 7.31.
300: 1. Alanna Smith, Danbury, 39.93; 2. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 41.49; 3. Francine Stevens, Staples, 41.92.
600: 1. Brittani Westberry, Windsor, 1:36.70; 2. Kate Demark, Danbury, 1:37.56; 3. Riley Powers, Newtown, 1:38.90.
1,000: 1. Bria Benigni, Maloney, 2:59.56; 2. Olivia Birney, Simsbury, 3:00.66; 3. Kalie Holden, Trumbull, 3:01.55.
1,600: 1. Rachel St. Germain, Somers, 4:57.20; 2. Anna Keeley, Fairfield Ludlowe, 5:01.59; 3. Sydney Kelleher, New Milford, 5:05.40.
3,200: 1. Rachel St. Germain, Somers, 10:49.24; 2. Madeline Sweeney, New Milford, 11:02.73; 3. Anna Keeley, Fairfield Ludlowe, 11:11.11.
55hurdles: 1. Mariella Schweitzer, Barlow, 8.35; 2. Leonaya Knox, Hillhouse, 8.45; 3. Amanda Castaldi, Sheehan, 8.47.
4x200relay: 1. Danbury (Florence Dickson, Alanna Smith, Giuliana Robles, Briana Gilliard), 1:45.67; 2. Sheehan,

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Sui, Han earn Olympic gold at last



Sui Wenjing, pictured, and Han Cong exploded from their seats in the kiss-and-cry area, and a small and carefully chosen crowd of Chinese fans in the stands did the same, the moment their scores were read in the pairs event at the Beijing Olympics. Four years after a crushing disappointment at the Pyeongchang Games, when they lost the gold medal by the thinnest of margins, Sui and Han had flipped the script: They were the ones walking away as champions by a razor-thin margin. Sui and Han scored a world-record 239.88 points with a flawless free skate set to a rendition of “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” beating Russian rivals Evgenia Tarasova and Vladimir Morozov by just 63 hundredths of a point. “We went through a lot, from being not expected (to do well) at the very beginning,” said Sui, who along with Han missed out on gold by 43 hundredths of a point in Pyeongchang. “So today, we have really put out our best on the rink.” The difference in gold may have come down to Sui and Han opening with a quad twist, a high-scoring element that made up for a sloppy triple salchow.

Flores hired to Steelers staff



Brian Flores is back in the NFL. The Steelers hired the former Dolphins coach on Saturday to serve as a senior defensive assistant. Flores will specialize in working with the Steelers’ linebackers, a group that includes NFL Defensive Player of the Year T.J. Watt. The hiring comes less than three weeks after Flores, who is Black, sued the NFL and three teams over alleged racist hiring practices following his dismissal by the Dolphins. Flores led the Dolphins to consecutive winning seasons before he was fired in January. Though he has returned to coaching in the league, Flores will not abandon the lawsuit. Flores joins a restructured defensive staff in Pittsburgh after longtime coordinator Keith Butler retired. Teryl Austin was promoted to take Butler’s place earlier this month. “I am excited about Brian Flores joining our coaching staff given his history of developing and teaching defensive players during his time in the NFL,” Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said in a statement. “Brian’s resume speaks for itself, and I look forward to him adding his expertise to help our team.”

Kane turns EPL title race back on



The Premier League title race really is back on. And it’s all because of Harry Kane. The striker Manchester City wanted to sign in the offseason last year consigned the leaders to their first league loss in nearly four months by scoring twice for Tottenham in a dramatic 3-2 win on Saturday. His second — the winning goal — came in the fifth minute of stoppage time. Kane celebrating scoring goals at Etihad Stadium was something City fans thought they’d enjoy. By Wednesday, City could find its lead over Liverpool down to three points. Liverpool trimmed the gap to six Saturday courtesy of a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Norwich and is also at home to Leeds in four days’ time. And Liverpool still has to go to City, in April. Tottenham completed an improbable double over City, having beaten the champions 1-0 in the opening round, and the London team continues to cause City pain. It was Spurs who eliminated City from the Champions League three seasons ago following an even more dramatic game in the quarterfinal second legs, and also beat Pep Guardiola’s team last season. —AP



Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier, of the United States, compete in the pairs free skate program during the figure skating competition at Winter Olympics on Saturday in Beijing. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP**

OLYMPICS FIGURE SKATING

Still up in the air

Panel denies US skaters’ appeal to get silver medals

By Eddie Pells and Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

BEIJING — Arbitrators have rejected a last-ditch request by American figure skaters to have their silver medals awarded before the end of the Olympics. The Court of Arbitration for Sport said early Sunday in Beijing that it dismissed the appeal by the nine skaters, who finished second in the team event marred by a doping positive from 15-year-old Russian Kamila Valieva. It did not elaborate on its decision, and said it would release details in upcoming days. The panel, with arbitrators from Denmark, France and China, met for 2 ½ hours Saturday evening. In an earlier decision, CAS had allowed Valieva to compete in the women’s event after her doping positive went public following the Russians’ victory in the team event. The International Olympic Committee responded by saying that no medals would be awarded in any event in which Valieva finished in the top three. Losing the case means the U.S. skaters will receive their medals months, maybe even years, from now, after Valieva’s case winds its way through

hearings and appeals. She led the Russians to a convincing victory in the team event. If that result is overturned, the U.S. would get gold medals. The skaters had argued, without success, that they should at least receive the silvers before Sunday night’s closing ceremony. In a letter sent to IOC President Thomas Bach that was obtained by The Associated Press, the skaters’ attorney argued that the IOC’s “own rules mandate that a victory ceremony ‘to present medals to the athletes shall follow the conclusion of each sports event.’” “We’re disappointed in the decision. It’s unfortunate that these deserving athletes will leave Beijing without their medals,” said Ramsey Baker, executive director of US Figure Skating. “We are proud of the historic accomplishments of our team and we look forward to joining them, their families and friends, and the entire United States in celebrating their achievements from these Olympic Games.” A few hours before the decision, the U.S. team of Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier finished sixth in the pairs event. They are among the skaters who would receive the medals from the team event. After they skated Saturday, Frazier said “they should have a ceremony for the clean athletes that delivered. They deserve that.” In the letter to Bach, attorney Paul

Greene wrote “a dignified medal ceremony from our clients’ vantage point is one in the Medals Plaza as originally planned and afforded to all other medalists.” Instead, the skaters could end up with Olympic torches. In a meeting with the skaters earlier this week, Bach offered the torches as keepsakes while the doping case plays out. He later said at a news conference that they were not meant to replace the medals. Valieva might never get anything. She finished fourth in the women’s event — crying as she left the ice, then criticized by her coach after a mistake-filled long program. After her test became public, Russia’s anti-doping agency at first put her on provisional suspension, then lifted the suspension. That triggered the IOC and World Anti-Doping Agency to lead an appeal to CAS, which acted swiftly and said Valieva could still compete. This time, CAS ruled in favor of the IOC. Neither decision, however, resolves the larger question about the result from the team competition. Because she is 15, Valieva is considered a “protected person” under anti-doping rules, and is not expected to receive a harsh penalty. Her coaches and doctors are being investigated by Russian and world anti-doping authorities.

OLYMPICS WOMEN’S BOBSLED

A ride for the books for Meyers Taylor

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

BEIJING — Laura Nolte and Mariama Jamanka added to Germany’s record haul of Olympic medals. Elana Meyers Taylor extended her medal record, too. The German sliding domination of the Beijing Games continued Saturday, with Nolte driving to gold and Jamanka winning the silver in the women’s bobsled competition — and Meyers Taylor, in possibly her last race, grabbed the bronze for the fifth medal of her Olympic career. That’s more than any Black athlete in Winter Olympic history, the most by any women’s bobsledder at the Olympics and two more than any other Olympic bobsledder, male or female, has won for the United States. “That is overwhelming,” Meyers Taylor said. “It’s so crazy to hear that stat and know that I’m part of a legacy that’s bigger than me.” Nolte and Deborah Levi won with ease, finishing four runs in 4 minutes, 3.96 seconds. Jamanka, the 2018 Olympic champion, and Alexandra Burghardt were second in 4:04.73. Meyers Taylor and Olympic rookie Sylvia Hoffman were third in 4:05.48. “I can’t believe it,” Nolte said. “It’s what we’ve wanted all along. This was our dream. Winning Olympic gold was our dream.” Gold was Meyers Taylor’s dream, too. But a fifth medal — clearly, she wasn’t disappointed whatsoever. Meyers Taylor smacked the top of her sled in celebration as she crossed the line knowing that the medal was clinched, hopped out and gave Hoffman a hug before throwing her fists into the air. “I went with the fastest woman out here, because I’m the fastest brakewoman out here,” said Hoffman, who wants to start driving. Germany’s Kim Kalicki moved up to fourth in 4:06.28, Canada’s Christine de Bruin was fifth in 4:06.37, Switzerland’s Melanie Hasler drove to sixth in 4:06.83 and the U.S. team of monobob gold medalist Kaillie Humphries — battling a right leg injury that adversely impacted her start times — and Olympic rookie Kaysha Love fell to seventh in 4:07.04. At press time, Germany had eight golds — in nine events — and 14 medals overall in the three sliding sports at the Beijing Olympics. They already have more golds, and more medals, in sliding events than any nation ever has at any Olympics. What the Germans have done at these Olympics is historic. And what Meyers Taylor has done at the last four Olympics is also historic. She’s now one of only four bobsledders ever to compete in at least five Olympic races and medal in all of them. She became the fifth American bobsledder to win two medals in a single Olympics — pilot Stan Benham and pusher Pat Martin did it in 1952, pilot Steven Holcomb and pusher Steve Langton did it in 2014. And, thanks to women having two events at the Olympics for the first time this year, she’s going to forever be the first female bobsledder to win two medals at the same Games. “It meant a lot to me to have her support my career goals,” Hoffman said. Meyers Taylor’s totals, including her Olympic debut as a push athlete: three silvers, two bronzes. The Beijing medals were a silver behind Humphries in monobob, and now this bronze. “She’s already a legend in the sport,” U.S. men’s push athlete Carlo Valdes said. “Another medal just adds to all the accolades, really. ... She’s in a league of her own and it’s cool to watch.” Barring some massive comeback by Hunter Church or Frank DelDuca in the four-man race that ends Sunday, USA Bobsled will end the Beijing Games with three medals. The Americans won four in bobsled at the 1932 and 2014 Games; they also won three in 1948 and 2002. “For us to have three medals in this Olympics, that’s a grand slam considering where we’re coming from with Kaillie’s citizenship and Elana having COVID two weeks ago,” U.S. bobsled coach Mike Kohn said. Indeed, this road was far from an easy one for the Americans. Humphries didn’t even know until December, when she obtained citizenship, that she would be able to compete in Beijing. And Meyers Taylor was in isolation when the Olympics started after testing positive for the coronavirus, meaning she had to give up her role as one of the two U.S. flagbearers at the opening ceremony. She’ll carry the U.S. flag into the closing ceremony on Sunday. After two weeks of driving fast, a nice slow walk might be the perfect way to transition into whatever comes next. “I’m going to take some time and really think about this,” Meyers Taylor said. “It’s going to be really hard to top this Olympics. Two medals and now closing it out with flagbearer, it’s going to be really hard to top that.”



Elana Meyers Taylor and Sylvia Hoffman, top, won bobsled bronze. **DMITRI LOVETSKY/AP**

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Left: Ginger jars are versatile and perfect for decorating all year. Right: No longer are ginger jars only found in blue and white designs, but in a variety of patterns and solid colors.

New Traditional staple

Ginger jars are a must-have accessory and a fabulous addition to any room



By Katie Laughridge | Tribune News Service

New Traditional design is made up of a medley of fantastic pieces, many of which are constantly changing and evolving. However, the roots of New Traditional are always firmly planted in the past. As someone who is inspired by the styles and motifs found throughout history, there is no better style to align myself with and to explore. While the evolution of decor is never done, certain staples tend to hold on through the passing fads. One such item is the ever-charming ginger jar.

Ginger jars have been around long before the English starting using them to bring beauty to their sitting rooms. These must-have accessories originated in China and have been around since at least the Ming Dynasty period (1366-1644) when they were used to transport spices, oil, salt and other goods to Western countries. Now, of course, once Europe saw how beautiful these cargo containers were, they became highly coveted accessories for homes.

The beauty of these jars comes from both their unique shapes and the traditional surface designs. The most classically well-known ginger jar is customarily blue and white with stunning hand-painted designs that often feature human and animal figures, landscapes, blossoms, symbols and much more. Today, no longer are ginger jars only found in blue and white designs but in a variety of patterns and solid colors. While my love for original Asian toile patterns is still going strong, it is certainly fun and exciting to see all the wonderful options you can bring into your home today for your own collection.

One thing that has stayed the same throughout the revival of ginger jars is their stunning form. Known for their easily identifiable high shoulders, small openings and domed lids, they are fabulous additions to any room. With a large range of sizes available, it is easy to work ginger jars into many a display. I love to use medium and small sizes in clusters (usually two or three) to create a statement vignette that provides a pop of elegance to a room. The large and extra-large jar sizes (some are almost as tall as I am!) are perfect for flanking a fireplace or doorway to add a punch of symmetry.

Ginger jars are versatile and perfect for decorating all year long. For everyday use, I enjoy them as stand-alone pieces, but it's easy to pop off the lids to use them as floral containers. They also make wonderful additions to bookshelves and pair wonderfully with other containers, decorative boxes, and of course, books.

The possibilities are endless! And if you haven't read up on the rich history of these beloved pieces, I highly recommend grabbing a gaiwan of tea — in blue and white of course — and digging in.

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Artificial greenery can add that finishing touch

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

When it comes to successful home decor, the secret often lies in the finishing touches. Often adding living or green elements such as trees and plants can help invigorate a room.

But what if the associated maintenance isn't feasible? This is when you can use artificial greenery as an aesthetically pleasing alternative.

1. Pay attention to color. A richness of color is important when it comes to artificial flowers. You will want to have selections that won't fade or lose significant color.
2. Avoid dried or silk flowers if looking to create a modern space. Dried flowers tend to work best in traditional or formal spaces.
3. Consider texture when looking for artificial flowers and stems.
4. Use artificial arrange-

- ments that are the appropriate size, height and scale.
5. Place artificial arrangements in areas where you would place live arrangements such as side tables, consoles and dining and coffee tables.
 6. Avoid placing artificial arrangements in direct sunlight.
 7. Maintain artificial arrangements by cleaning and dusting their stems and leaves.
 8. Look for trees with

- large leaves in large spaces as well as spaces with tall ceilings. Small plants and plantings work well in smaller areas and spaces.
9. Consider non-floral artificial elements such as palms, berries and other non-florals.
 10. Bathrooms, entry consoles and small side tables are great locations for smaller artificial arrangements. Larger arrangements work well on larger surfaces such as dining and coffee tables.



Artificial palms add a modern touch to a coffee table vignette. **SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Widow seeks deed after paying off mortgage

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My husband died a few years ago and had a life insurance policy. When I got the proceeds from the policy, I was able to pay off our home mortgage.

I never received the original deed from the mortgage holder, and querying the lender is getting me nowhere. I'm not sure what to do to protect myself against scammers.

Why can't I get the deed to my house? When I search online, I keep getting websites that want me to pay for protection. And the lawyer that drew up the refinance passed away before my late husband died.

Is there somewhere I can get a copy of my deed?

A: First, please accept our condolences on your loss. One of the reasons we recommend that both spouses and partners keep a hand in managing family money is to avoid painful quests like this one.

But while your search for protection hasn't been fruitful so far, the good news is you likely don't have to worry about the ownership of the property. Typically, married couples own property as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. When it comes to the primary residence, married couples will either own it as joint tenants or as tenants by the entirety.

In either case (joint tenants with rights of survivorship or tenancy by the entirety), you became the sole owner of the home upon your husband's passing. You wouldn't need to do anything to the title to the property for you to become the sole owner of the home. It happens auto-



A widow paid off her mortgage with proceeds from her late husband's life insurance but never received the original deed from the mortgage holder. **DREAMSTIME**

matically because of the way you chose to hold title.

When you purchased the home, the settlement agent or seller's attorney would have prepared the deed conveying the seller's ownership in the home to you and your husband. That document stays in place and doesn't change over time, even with your husband's death.

If you and your husband owned the home as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, you automatically and legally became the sole owner of the home upon your husband's death. You don't need to do anything more at this time to prove ownership.

When you decide to sell the home, you will simply need to show a copy of the death certificate to the settlement agent or title company to prove that you became the sole owner of the home.

If you want to check, look online at your local Recorder of Deeds office. If you look up the property, you should see that your name and your husband's name are still on the title to the home. That's quite normal. It doesn't mean you don't own the home on your own.

If you and your spouse happened to have a mortgage on the property at the time of your spouse's death, you would now be entirely responsible for making those payments every month.

In most states, the mortgage lender has a lien on your home until you pay off the mortgage company in full.

In your situation, you paid off the mortgage lender and the lender should have sent a release of the mortgage for record-

ing or filing to the office that handles real estate documents in your county (typically, the Recorder of Deeds).

Keep in mind that your ownership in your home isn't affected by paying off the loan. The loan and your ownership of the property are independent of each other.

Be aware that in some states, a lender takes a trust deed and not a mortgage as collateral for the loan. In general, a mortgage and trust deed work to provide the lender collateral and security for the homeowner's loan. The one difference in the law is that the trust deed gives the lender custody of the title to the home until the loan is paid off. When a lender has a trust deed as collateral and the loan is paid off, the lender issues a release of the trust deed to give the

property owner full rights to the property.

In your situation, you simply need to make sure that your lender released the mortgage or issued the release of the trust deed. You would do that at the local Recorder of Deeds office. You might call them and ask if they can help you look up the relevant records. You might also be able to get this information online.

Of course, if you and your husband did not own the home with rights of survivorship or as tenants by the entirety, that will require a different set of steps; particularly if he died intestate, without a will.

But, if this is the case, you should find an estate attorney or real estate attorney to discuss your ownership of the home, who else might now have an ownership interest and what steps you might need to take to determine what happens next.

Finally, your email mentioned that you're worried about being scammed. The best thing to do is check your title from time to time, to make sure no additional liens have been attached to it. Also change your online passwords to two-step authentication, use a password manager, consider putting a credit freeze on your credit reports with the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and Transunion) and never click on any email or link from someone you don't know. Good luck.

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Good planning and communication can help minimize the mess created by remodeling. **JO ANN SNOVER/DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

Avoiding remodeling chaos

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Whoever came up with the saying "things get worse before they get better" just may have been in the middle of a remodeling project. With blocked-off rooms, tools and materials taking up space, and pros coming and going, your once-peaceful home can feel like a, well, construction zone.

But thankfully, you can keep your household humming and everyone happy with a plan, an organized process, and careful preparation.

Follow these steps to make the remodeling experience smoother and less stressful.

Keep it clean

Before the project begins, align with your pro on how you'll work together to keep your home as clean and organized as possible, and be sure to include it in your contract. As the homeowner, you can take fundamental steps like putting down plastic sheeting and covering furniture to make cleanup easier. You and your contractor should

also determine who's responsible for cleanup at the end of the project.

Keep communication strategic

On the same note, it's good to communicate, but respect the chain of command and don't micromanage. A friendly wave, quick chat or — bonus — a box of fresh donuts is great, but don't distract the crew to the point that you delay the process. If you have concerns about the work, route them through the person in charge, who can disseminate them to everyone who needs to know.

Be accommodating

Help keep the project running smoothly by creating an optimal environment in partnership with the lead contractor. Keep the pros working in your home all day comfortable with a plan for lunch breaks, water and restrooms. If possible, create a dedicated staging area in your home for your contractors to store tools and materials so they can grab them and hit the ground running each morning.

Make a plan for your everyday needs

If your renovation job will put key rooms out of commission, plan how you're going to adjust. If you're temporarily going from two bathrooms down to one, prepare for some traffic management. And if your kitchen will be unavailable while work is underway, create low-effort meals ahead of time (or use it as the perfect excuse to order take-out for the duration of the job — no judgment here).

Consider hiring a professional cleaner

A general contractor often handles the major cleanup after a renovation, but they usually don't perform a final deep-clean. You can hire a cleaning professional to complete a thorough post-construction cleaning on your home once work is complete and make it feel like the brand-new space it is. Post-construction cleanup generally costs between 10 and 50 cents per square foot, and the average job tends to cost about \$450. This will vary based on the extent of the original renovation.

TREASURES

Imari bowl may not be from Cartier, but it's likely antique

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: I am hopeful you can help solve a mystery. This dish is 4 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, and the seller claimed it was antique Japanese Imari. It is not signed except it is mounted in .95 grade silver mountings which are signed "Cartier" "Made in France" and has the maker's mark of Robert Linzeler, who worked for Cartier Paris during the late 1800s/early 1900s. Please can you identify the bowl as an antique Japanese Imari?

A: The bowl is most certainly Japanese Imari style. Imari is the name of a Japanese port city from which Japanese-made porcelains were shipped to the West. The porcelain was made in kilns around the town of Arita. Besides the kilns in that location, six branch kilns and potteries were located in other nearby sites.

The wares made in Arita kilns came in a variety of decorative color schemes. The first were simple blue and white (called "somet-

suke"), but later there were three color wares (blue and white plus red, called "sansei") brocade Imari (called "nishikide") and gold designs on red (called "kinrande").

This piece is nishikide or brocade Imari, which can be found in many colors and was copied from some Chinese Ming and Qing dynasty examples. It is our understanding that the Japanese referred to any mass of brilliant colors as being "brocade."

We believe the small bowl in today's question is indeed antique and was probably made in the late 19th century. It is a commercial quality piece that was exported in large quantities and was not intended to be artistic in nature.

Now, we get to the part where we have a problem. Cartier was established in Paris in 1847 by Louis-Francois Cartier. It became one of the top suppliers of luxury goods in the world. They are known for their jewelry and wrist watches. King Edward VII of Great Britain is said to have referred to them as the "jeweler to kings and the king of

jewelers."

We became suspicious of the markings because the Imari bowl was not of sufficient quality to have been mounted by Linzeler (a famous French silversmith of the late 19th and early 20th centuries) and retailed by Cartier Paris. We compared the marks to the marks on several genuine examples of Cartier's silver and gold work and found they did not match.

Working from photographs, we cannot be absolutely sure, but we feel the owner should take this into Cartier in Dubai for authentication. If it turns out to be genuine it should be valued in the \$850 to \$1,000 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.



This bowl is Japanese Imari, but was it retailed by Cartier? **COURTESY**

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 50 Woodhaven Drive, Avon

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50 Woodhaven Drive, Avon

By James Alexander

Appearances can be delightfully deceiving. That is certainly the case with this lovely Cape Cod home on Woodhaven Drive in Avon. From the outside, the architectural style is clearly that of a Cape, and upon first entering the home, it has the look and feel of a Cape. From the central front entrance, it features a formal dining room on the left, a formal living room with a wood-burning fireplace to the right and open stairs to the second floor. Hardwood flooring that flows from the dining room, through the entry area, and on to the living room helps tie these areas together.



“It has nice, formal rooms at the entry,” said Caitlyn Cleary, who is part of the Diane Barry Team at William Pitt-Sotheby’s International Realty and is handling the sale. “However, at the rear of the home, it has the comfortable spread-out space that people are looking for today.” An added bonus, she went on to note, is a first floor bedroom with access to a full bath.

It is, however, the kitchen and family room that will serve as the center of family life in this home. Located at the rear of the home and directly accessible from the dining room or a hall off the living room, this area was added in 1995. It is large, bright and airy, with generously sized windows that face the back yard emitting ample light, even on an overcast and snowy day.



The kitchen will be a chef’s delight. It is spacious, with ample granite counter space that is divided nicely to allow several cooks to work without getting in each other’s way. The premium stainless steel appliances stay with the house and include a GE Profile French-door refrigerator-freezer, a professional quality four-burner gas stove with a convection oven, a microwave, and dishwasher. There is storage space galore, including wall- and under-counter cabinets and a built-in pantry. To help start the day, there is a smaller separate granite counter, to the right of the refrigerator, which nicely accommodates a coffee bar.

In addition to the granite counters, the kitchen features a tile floor, a tiled backsplash for the sink, and a pot filler faucet over the stove. It also connects directly to the two-car garage, via a mudroom that is generously sized and easily accommodates a full-size



washer and dryer with room left over for a bench, coat hooks and space for storing outdoor footwear. Its tile floor should be impervious to tracked in snow and wet boots.

The kitchen also includes a generous amount of space for informal family meals. A table currently in that area has seating for six, with ample elbowroom for all. On one side of this area that holds the kitchen table is a slider that accesses a large deck while in the other direction there is the family room.

It features laminate wood flooring, a ceiling fan, and a wraparound relatively short granite countertop with drawers underneath and wall cabinets with glass doors overhead. Flowing nicely from the kitchen counters, this feature would be a boon when hosting larger gatherings.



All told, this open kitchen-family room area has a decidedly contemporary feel. “Actually, while this addition was completed in 1995, the kitchen was redone in 2017,” Cleary explained.

The first floor bedroom has the expected closet space, easy access to the full bath, which features a tile floor and a shower stall, and hardwood flooring.

Upstairs there are three bedrooms with the prime bedroom, which runs from the front to the rear of the home, having three closets. This bedroom, and the other two comfortably sized bedrooms on the second floor, is served by a full bathroom with a soaking tub-shower combination and a tile floor.



“These three second floor bedrooms have just gotten new carpet,” Cleary said. “And, the house has been freshly repainted in neutral colors.” The floors are also in excellent condition, making this home move-in ready.

All four of this home’s bedrooms have cross ventilation to take advantage of balmy summer weather, and the house features central air conditioning for times when the outside temperatures are not so balmy.

Downstairs, this cape has one more surprise. There is a partially finished lower level room that would be ideal for family uses of all sorts. Included on this list



of possibilities is a hangout area for growing children. The basement also has space for storage, a workshop, and the home’s mechanical systems. To handle power outages, the previous owners installed a propane-powered Generac generator in 2012, while for greater heating and cooling efficiency this home now features Thermal Pane windows.

The lot also deserves mention. It is large, at 1.21 acres, and easily accommodates a driveway with additional parking at the side and an outdoor storage building. It is also nice that the lot is level and bounded by trees, which provide a level of seclusion, Cleary said.

She noted that the neighborhood is quiet and private, yet is close to the many services that make Avon and nearby Farmington so desirable. Of particular interest to families will be the highly regarded Avon school system, with the added appeal of having the high and middle schools within walking distance.

“This home is really nice, with its formal rooms in front and its comfortable spread-out space at the rear,” Cleary said. An attractive price for an Avon home simply adds to its appeal.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

50 Woodhaven Drive, Avon

Year built: 1957

Price: \$400,000

Style: Cape

Rooms: 9

Bedrooms: 4

Baths: 2

Square footage: 1,952

Acreage: 1.21

Mill rate: 34.21

Best feature: The kitchen-family room addition that includes the extra room and open floor plan people today want.

Contact: Diane Barry Team

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Under Contract

FARMINGTON

Wonderful light filled Colonial on a .54 acre lot in the desirable West District neighborhood! Beautiful kitchen with granite, stainless steel appliances, Viking cooktop, eating area with views overlooking the expansive level backyard. 2 car attached garage leads into a family room with sliders to an outdoor paved patio. Dining room currently being used as a playroom but could be a formal dining area or used as an office. Living room has a fireplace with built-ins. Master bedroom has a full bath and double closets. All bedrooms are generously sized. Hardwood floors throughout, central air, and finished lower level used as recreation area. New roof in 2020, converted to natural gas in 2015 with new heating system and new driveway in 2014. Great curb appeal on a fantastic lot! MLS# 170464393 \$499,900. 39 Westview Terrace, Farmington CT. Jacquelyn Allingham (860) 983-5241, jallingham@bhhsNE.com, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.



EAST GRANBY

Welcome home to this updated raised ranch. As you enter you will be immediately impressed by the open floor plan, vaulted wood ceiling, exposed beams, skylights and beautifully refinished hardwood floors throughout. The updated kitchen offers granite counters, tile backsplash, stainless steel appliances, tile floor and window overlooking the back yard. From the dining area you’re able to access the large back deck which is perfect for entertaining. The living room offers picture window and fireplace, with pellet stove that really heats the home up nicely, reducing the oil bill!! The large primary bedroom offers its own private bathroom. The two additional bedrooms both share the second full updated bathroom. The lower level offers additional finished space for home office, gym or family room with access to the attached 2 car garage. There is also a detached 4 car garage with running water which is perfect for all those toys. Additional features of this home are central air conditioning, newer mechanicals, roof, siding, 200 AMP service, and enormous additional storage area under back deck perfect for lawn mower, snow blower etc. You must see this special home to appreciate all its offers. Don’t miss your opportunity!! MLS# 170464326 \$349,900. 877 South Grand St, East Granby CT. Christopher Hull (860) 836-8739, christopherhull@bhhsne.com, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

25 Clifton Ave, 25 Clifton Ave LLC to Vmas LLC, 1/26, \$475,000
74 Hill St, Intendi, Scott and Yang, Fan to Oval Enterprise LLC, 1/26, \$150,100
80 Benz St, Clapes, J Alan to Clapes, Mary A, 1/25, \$95,000
90 Jewett St, Valley Glass LLC to NST LLC, 2/1, \$190,000

AVON

Farmington Woods Lot 15, Ducci, Jacqueline A to Maa, Nina Y, 1/24, \$560,000
3 Craigemore Cir, Adams, Deborah R, 2/1, \$415,000
7 Ashford Dr Lot 7, Frauenhofer Jr, David J to Tippreddy, Srinivasulu and Paduru, Kavitha, 1/28, \$185,000
7 Ashford Dr Lot 7, Frauenhofer Jr, David J to Tippreddy, Srinivasulu and Paduru, Kavitha, 1/28, \$185,000
8 Ashford Dr Lot 8, Walsh, Kelly A to Kritikos, Zacharia, 1/25, \$185,000
13 Cottonwood Dr Lot 13, David R Robb T and Robb, David R to Avon Hill LLC, 1/24, \$210,000
13 Willow Ln Lot 13, Ehrlich, Robert and Ehrlich, Debra to Kasowitz, Sherry, 2/1, \$290,000
15 Wyngate Dr, Belsky, Ami E to Fitzgerald, Matthew R, 2/1, \$460,000
43 Old Wheeler Ct, Freedom Property LLC to Holder, Nancy H and Holder, Patricia J, 2/1, \$650,000
47 Jackson St, Montano, Joann T to McLaughlin, Paul T, 1/24, \$305,000

BEACON FALLS

17 Old Turnpike Rd, Knapp Container Inc to Turnpike Center LLC, 2/1, \$370,000
54 Edgewood Dr, 54 Edgewood Drive LLC to Ferreira, Anthony and Ferreira, Sarah, 1/31, \$369,000

BERLIN

4 Rod Rd Lot C, Nadeau, Paula to 47 Northampton LLC, 1/31, \$176,000
Walden Ct Lot 11, Mark, Paul and Dorst, Kathryn to Ali, Sadia S and Ali, Babar, 2/1, \$550,000
11 Cypress Cir Lot 11, Luth, Richard and Luth, Laura to Wawrowski, Stanley, 1/31, \$270,500
211 New Britain Rd Lot 107, Helfand, Ronald H to Magnet Realty LLC, 2/1, \$212,500

BETHANY

21 Meyers Rd, 58a Old Amity Rd LLC and Green Haven Inc to 58a Old Amity Rd LLC, 2/4, \$6,900,000
58 Old Amity Rd, 58a Old Amity Rd LLC and Green Haven Inc to 58a Old Amity Rd LLC, 2/4, \$6,900,000
58-A Old Amity Rd, 58a Old Amity Rd LLC and Green Haven Inc to 58a Old Amity Rd LLC, 2/4, \$6,900,000
58-B Old Amity Rd, 58a Old Amity Rd LLC and Green Haven Inc to 58a Old Amity Rd LLC, 2/4, \$6,900,000

BETHEL

2 Sampson Ter Lot 802, Rawal, Mehak T and Rawal, Rohit to Decarlo, Stephen D and Prestamo, Morgan, 2/1, \$420,000
27 Great Hill Dr Lot 27, Toll CT 2 LP to Zimmerman, David J and Zimmerman, Mari-lyn D, 1/31, \$520,642
72 Wolfpits Rd, Clap, James R and Maier, Michele to Lester, Nancy A and Delmarco, Patrick D, 2/1, \$815,000

BETHLEHEM

38 Lakeview Dr, Smith, Joshua to Spring, Teresa A, 2/2, \$220,000
84 Hickory Ln, Schwarz, R Grayson to Capodiffero, Sergio and Eaton, Chelsea, 2/1, \$275,000

BLOOMFIELD

9 Barn Hill Rd, Fouke, Anna K and Harris, Adam S to Wallace, Sophia, 1/31, \$265,000
20 Grant Hill Rd, Hoff, Danielle R to ZF SPV LLC, 2/4, \$220,000
21 Gibraltar Ln, Bloom, Justin R to Wascholl, Brendamari and Wascholl Jr, Joseph, 2/2, \$635,000
23 Banbury Ln, G Kelly&Associates LLC to Howell, Deborah and Howell, Lawford, 2/4, \$350,000
99 Oliver Way Lot 99, United States Govt Hud to Gaffron, Joann and Hargrove, Willie J, 2/3, \$280,000
293 Tuxnis Ave, Dorsi, Gregory J to Romano, Leslie, 2/1, \$214,250
451 Park Ave, He, Yiming to Anderson, Sharah, 2/1, \$235,000
1264 Blue Hills Ave, Adams, Michelle to Coleman, Brent, 1/31, \$295,000

BRANFORD

Jefferson Woods Lot 321, Desfosjes Jr, Raymond D and Arpino, Philomena A to Wysokowski, Catherine, 1/26, \$200,000
15 Pineview Dr Lot 15D, Ulstad, Jason to Murano, Paula E and Paige, Francesca L, 1/27, \$165,000
25 Farm River Rd, Wohler, Anton E and Wohler, Dona Z to Kilgore, Margaret, 1/31, \$286,000
33 Thimble Farm Rd, Wies, Richard N and Wies, Karen C to Bonner, Henry and Bonner, Susan, 2/1, \$1,500,000
435 Thoreau Rd, Somerville, Rohan to Martinik Jr, Stephen R and Martinik, Patricia Q, 1/27, \$210,000
640 Leetes Island Rd, Woerner, Peter to Stevens, Amy and Scanlan, Mark W, 2/1, \$2,195,000

BRIDGEPORT

Alfred St, Campbell, Alice to Lugo, Enrique S and Saavedra, Judy, 2/2, \$245,000
Carriage Crossing Condo Lot 19, Petrone, James to Pacquette, Zhara, 2/3, \$256,000
Hillside Ave, Kenney, Michael P and Kellerman, Laura J to Fulton, Kevaughn, 2/1, \$380,000
Old Town Rd, Amelia A Adams T and Adams, Amelia A to Bertola Property LLC, 2/3, \$162,900
Success Vlg, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Alvarez, Stephanie, 2/1, \$200,000
Success Vlg, Success Vlg Apt Inc to Lopez, Emerita, 2/3, \$41,000
William St, Martin Props to Rivera, Jose A, 1/26, \$350,000
14-16 Herkimer St, Herkimer Castle LLC to Tucker, Charmaine R and Tucker, Florence S, 1/28, \$460,000
15 Emra St, SB Custom Builders LLC to Heinzelman, Frederick, 1/27, \$395,500
18 Amsterdam Ave Lot 1F, Caban, Jocelyn to Butcher, Jacinta, 1/26, \$140,000
25 Ellsworth St Lot 12, Tanzer, Tara to Alpert, Matthew, 2/1, \$109,000
27 Cogswell St Lot 27, Wiczerczak, Wojciech to Vinson, Careen A, 2/1, \$250,000
27 King St, Johnston, Hattie to Dossantos, Emerson V, 1/28, \$230,000
31 Harral Ave, Brame, Shannon and Collier, Rhett to Toledo, Marcelo Q, 2/3, \$250,000
33 Hanover St Lot 33, Wang, Qi and Yang, Yang to Harris, Sylvia M, 1/25, \$60,000
35 Robert St, Monteiro, Adesilda to Saqui-pulla, Edwin P and Saquiupulla, Maria, 2/3, \$220,000
35 Willow St, ASM Family Limited LLC to GRG Res&Solution Corp, 2/3, \$432,000
43 Harlem Ave, Liskov, Harold to WG Bird Builder LLC, 2/4, \$230,000
45 Monroe St, Westnor Apartments LLC to Blackrock Hm Partners LLC, 2/1, \$8,100,000
45-47 Harbortown Ave, Martins, Valerie and Martins, Mario to Didio, Michael J, 1/27, \$479,000
44-9 Seaview Ter, Joyce, Brian and Joyce, Marla to Mchugh, Brian J and Mchugh, Joan L, 2/4, \$525,000
50-54 Evers Ct, Wilhelm, Fernando J to Santos, Pamela M, 1/25, \$327,500
53 Clark St, Verrusio Hm Improvement to Culhane, John, 2/3, \$400,000
59 Marcel St, Alves, Francisco and Alves, Teresa to Ferreira, Julio C and Vega, Virginia, 1/27, \$370,000
60 Renwick Pl, Guzman, Dolores E to Saraceno, Carlos, 2/4, \$260,000
61 Herald Ave, Zisk Victoria S and Zisk, Paul A to True You Dev&Design LLC, 1/26, \$240,000
61 Herald Ave, Salomoni, Joseph J and

Salomoni Sr, Joseph to True You Dev&Design LLC, 1/26, \$240,000
62 Derman Cir, Lyneh, Marcia O to Faya, Jonathon M, 2/3, \$300,000
62 Derman Cir, Lyneh, Marcia O to Lyneh, Marcia O, 2/3, \$224,000
63 Acorn St Lot 63, Li, Jun to Arcidiacono, Kaloni, 2/2, \$135,000
64 Chestnut St Lot 64, Grant, Wendy L to CGC Properties LLC, 2/4, \$60,000
66 Bankside St, Pawlowski, Catherine to Silva, Mario and Silva, Elaine, 1/26, \$250,000
69 Chestnut St Lot 69, Hart, Angella R to CGC Properties LLC, 2/4, \$75,000
72 Park Ave, Kuranko, Robin A to Waggnier, Mary A, 1/25, \$350,000
76 Lyon Ter, 76 Lyon Terrace LLC to INJJ LLC, 1/31, \$495,000
79 Sunshine Cir, Estrella, Flor and Mendenhall, Maritza to Allen, Charles, 2/1, \$350,000
80 Oakview Cir Lot 203, Rescom Invest-ments LLC to Father&Sons LLC, 1/28, \$105,000
84-86 Barnum Ave, Zozayas, Lucia V and Quito, Raul to Fuller, Sylvester, 1/25, \$259,000
85 Albemarle St, Nkwo, Wandra to Nkwo, Wandra, 1/28, \$134,000
85 Albemarle St, Nkwo, Wandra to Acosta, Christopher, 1/28, \$265,000
85 Blueberry Rd, Negron, Ramon and Negron, Jessie to Glaude, Thelescon, 2/1, \$399,900
95 Kingsbury Rd, Miller Robert D Jr Est and Miller, Cynthia to BM Pro Builder LLC, 2/3, \$89,900
96 Bond St, Vora Brothers LLC to Thomas, Kaydian D, 2/1, \$265,000
103 Rainbow Rd, Mcfadden, Joan E to Cata-lan, Hugo, 1/27, \$223,250
105 Kingsbury Rd, Miller Robert D Jr Est and Miller, Cynthia to BM Pro Builder LLC, 2/3, \$89,900
107 Sunshine Cir, Pryce, Dwyneth A to Gowie, Beverly, 1/28, \$166,000
108 Pierce Ave, Homee G&C LLC to Lawrence, Trevor and Beauphot, Marie, 2/2, \$385,000
111 Gem Ave, Dias, Cristiano to Thompson, Camille, 2/3, \$365,000
115 Broadway, Mai, Manny and Huynh, Sabrina P to Mascary, Steeve and Mascary, Olga, 2/4, \$285,000
115-117 Caroline St, Bport LLC to Dolma, Penpa, 2/2, \$125,000
117-119 Fremont St, Khongmany, Phouvong and Phenavhng, Khamkeng to 117-119 Fremont LLC, 2/1, \$250,000
120 Clark St, Meno, Debra A to Mohammed, Hosen and Edwards, Patricia A, 1/28, \$320,000
123 Exeter St, Mognetti, Aurelio to Dector, Vivian and Rivera, Emmanuel C, 1/28, \$490,000
124 Griffin Ave, Ngaopraseutsack, Chan and Ngaopraseutsack, Sisouvanh to Klinger, Josselyn and Rosales, Jeffrey A, 1/27, \$437,000
140 Brookside Ave, Monahan Paul F Est and Monahan, Christopher to Novella, William, 2/3, \$262,000
143 Hughes Ave, NS193 LLC to Morgan, Annakay and Morris, Daphne, 1/31, \$410,000
155 Brewster St Lot 5A, Goldrick, Richard A and Goldrick, Cynthia B to Callahan, Kevin J and Callahan, Donna M, 1/27, \$400,000
155 Brewster St Lot 3L, Wilcox, Nancy E to Brugato, Arlana and Depew, Tobias, 1/26, \$325,000
168 Pixlee Pl, Wilmington T NA Tr to Rodri-guez, Rita V and Rodriguez, Juan J, 1/27, \$230,000
168-170 Calhoun Ave, Nunes Auto Sales Inc to Glez, Rafael, 1/25, \$140,000
169 Virginia Ave Lot 169, Mccarthy Ellen F Est and Wall, John M to Medical Supply LLC and Igel, Pinhus S, 1/28, \$88,000
174-176 Fairview Ave, 174 Fairview Ave LLC to Mateo, Lucrecia, 2/3, \$385,000
190 Prince St, 190 Prince St LLC to Deme-trische, Stacian and Jones, Christina, 2/2, \$420,000
200 Woodmont Ave Lot 131, Clark, Jaclyn and Forero, John M to Rocha, Marcus V, 2/3, \$175,000
221-223 Goddard Ave, Lopez, Maria M to Morillo, Carolyn N, 2/3, \$410,000
231 Wayne St, Salati, Paola and Salati, Anto-nio to Davis, Narasha, 2/1, \$430,000
244 Burnsford Ave, Baldino Michael D Est and Baldino Jr, Gerald M to 244 Burnsford Ave LLC, 1/25, \$260,000
252 Dover St, Valle, Armando and Valle, Jonathan to Wade, Cheryl and Houston, Lloud A, 1/26, \$165,000
256 Anton Dr, Carvalho, Domingos F to Rochester, Lola M and Robinson, Jaymey A, 1/25, \$360,000
257 Exeter St, Jay Construction LLC to Baez, Rafaela, 1/28, \$464,900
264 Grandview Ave, Spaz Property LLC to Uguna, Fausto, 2/1, \$170,000
280 Hooker Rd, Romero, Carmen D and Romero, Julio to Rodriguez, Ricardo and Rodriguez, Yessenia, 2/3, \$270,000
281 Broad St Lot 281, Alpert, Matthew to Armstrong, Kerry and Armstrong, Jennifer, 2/2, \$185,000
283 Brewster St, Renesse, Diederik V to Long, Christian, 2/2, \$445,000
285 Jefferson St, Da Silva Tile&Marble to Coyt, Miguel A, 1/26, \$230,000
295 Glendale Ave Lot C5, Debernardi, Jan P to Zerella, Kenneth P and Zerella 2nd, Kenneth P, 2/3, \$120,000
324 Truman St, Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr to Pandashina, Jose, 1/28, \$230,000
324-326 Pearl Harbor St, Anglin, Annette and Anglin, Joy to 79 Lansing LLC, 1/28, \$225,000
325 Moffitt St, US Bank NA Tr to Pro Tech Home LLC, 1/25, \$160,500
325 Myrtle Ave Lot 1201, Nakayama, Jun to Atlantic Coleman LLC, 2/1, \$92,500
354-356 Newfield Ave, Clark, Neal J and Valderrama, Aurora to Forts, Kimone, 1/25, \$404,000
355 Ruth St, Groberio, Selvino and Grobe-rio, Sheila B to Stella Homes LLC, 1/31, \$225,000
363-365 Catherine St, Murolo, Dominick and Murolo, Krystal to Arce Jr, Rafael N, 1/28, \$440,000
368 Connecticut Ave Lot 9, CIM REO 2021 NR3 LLC to Conn 9 LLC, 1/27, \$101,000
419 Lynne Pl, Ramos, Emilio and Ramos, Maria to Jaquez, Edysoyl, 1/26, \$420,000
447 Silver St, Moreno, Olga I to Arias, Jose I and Fernandez, Araseliz, 1/27, \$290,000
486 Woodlawn Ave Ext, Hutton Beverly G Est and Barthel, Shaquanta to Silva, Carlos and Simoes, Manuel, 1/26, \$220,000
489 N Summerfield Ave, Guerrero, Andres to Serra, Jose and Serra, Ildilys, 1/27, \$327,900
578 Jewett Ave, Rosoff, Ellen L to Pringle, Tynesha, 1/25, \$338,000
615-617 Colorado Ave, Ahmed, Fazal to Islam, Mohammed S and Islam, Afzra, 1/28, \$350,000
755-757 Ogden St, Jones, Steven and Jones, Coral to RLB Investments LLC, 2/2, \$342,500
767-771 Pearl Harbor St, Cherry, Cleveland to Alvarado, Carlos, 2/3, \$250,000
797-799 Brewster St, Zaigirdar, Woyes and Zaigirdar, Abdul to Zambrano, Fausto V, 1/27, \$350,000
809 Burnsford Ave, Stella Homes LLC to Arthur, Christopher and Arthur, Megan, 2/3, \$350,000
980 Lindley St Lot 307G, Sciglimpaglia, Gerarda to Weng, Linda, 2/1, \$123,050
1259 Howard Ave, Testani, Mark to Andrade Tile Marble&Svc, 1/25, \$55,000
1406 State St, 1406 State St LLC to Catholic Charities Fairrt, 1/27, \$910,000
1484 Capitol Ave Lot F601, Kulig, Laurie B to Narcisse, Severe, 2/4, \$191,000
1542 North Ave, Queiroga, Artur to 305 Riggs St LLC, 1/28, \$220,000
1765 Old Town Rd, Patrignelli Donald C Est and Patrignelli, Anthony to Bertola Property LLC, 2/3, \$108,600
2052 E Main St, Camagna, Guy to Asif, Usman, 2/3, \$300,000
2375-2377 North Ave, Paul, Yakiesha F to Huang, Qiong, 2/4, \$450,000

BRISTOL

N/A Lot B, Dagenais, Jacqueline L and

Case, Stephen to Nowak, Wladyslaw, 1/31, \$182,000
7 Willoughby St, Gura, Michael to Jatura-rat-Fabian, D, 2/1, \$243,000
21 Pilgrim Rd, Bolluyt, Jonathan E and Bolluyt, Bethany to Crowley, Carol and Crowley, Amanda, 2/2, \$265,000
28 Barbara Rd, USA HUD to Klimas, Barbara A, 2/1, \$182,000
40 Fern Hill Rd, Norton Ruth Est and White-head&Munson Conserv to Cook, Christo-pher, 2/3, \$237,000
40 South St Lot 10, FNMA to Miller, Justin, 2/2, \$166,500
41 Elaine Dr, Petילו, Samantha to Ann E Sinnott RET and Sinnott 3rd, Gilbert J, 2/1, \$330,000
44 Beckwith Dr, Wilke, Douglas M and Wilke, Jillian M to 44 Beckwith LLC, 2/3, \$168,000
45 Brightwood Rd, Maynard, Margaret D and Attlie, Lisa M to Mcdade, Michael S, 2/1, \$500,000
52 Knoll St, Kinney 3rd, John J to Ward, Tamiya and Ward Jr, Antione, 2/2, \$269,900
67 Burlington Ave, Quilty, Robert A to Garcia, Eduardo, 2/1, \$230,000
68 Elberta St, Hurczyn, Janusz W and Hurczyn, Maria J to Taraskewich Jr, Glenn and Taraskewich, Melanie A, 2/2, \$385,000
76 Pequabuck St, Trademark Acquisitions to Aslam, Hammad, 2/1, \$371,000
83 Deer Park Rd, Sanders Jr, Theodore P to Muniz, Edinelson R and Negron, Casilda, 2/3, \$279,000
83 Founders Dr, Scarritt, John D to Gorman Properties LLC, 1/31, \$150,000
122 Federal St, Caceres, Kayla to Perez, Carlos, 2/3, \$310,000
125 West St Lot 6, Kozlowski, Elizabeth A and Freedom Mortgage Corp to Freedom Mortgage Corp, 2/3, \$41,800
129 Carol Dr, Dutil Denis J Est and Dutil, Alicia to Novotnak, Katie and Novotnak, David, 1/31, \$165,000
130 Enterprise Dr, Tabel Realty LLC to Vale-rio Companies LLC, 2/4, \$515,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 86, Botteon, Michael A to Desjardins, Tyler J, 2/4, \$143,000
181 Rockwell Ave, Rocca, Anthony P to Squires, Edward, 2/4, \$120,000
204 Beths Ave, Darragatti, Alfred to Tata, William J, 2/2, \$201,000
276 East Rd, Fortin, Andrew and Fortin, Kelly to Rosales, Josue Y, 2/4, \$240,000
367 Village St, Sturm, Chris K and Sturm, Tammy C to Marcelino, Nicole and Marcelino, Brian, 1/31, \$475,000
371 Emmett St Lot 17, Beers, Jill A and Beers, Thomas A to Middleton, Thomas, 2/1, \$100,000
440 Matthews St, Hickey, Roderick D and Hickey, Pamela R to Roseau, Duckenson M, 2/1, \$230,000
447 Marcia Dr, Cascade Funding Mortgage to Skinner, Andrew W and Skinner, Hannah J, 2/3, \$286,600
489 Wolcott St Lot 122, Vargas, Felix to Pacheco, Ariana, 2/4, \$160,000
521 Birch St Lot 521, Sullivan, Sarah and Thompson Jr, David W to Lewis, Marlina, 2/2, \$109,000
1469 Farmington Ave Lot 37, Steimer, Donna to Ruzbasan, Wesley, 1/31, \$195,000
1469 Farmington Ave Lot 80, Jimenez, Eric to Steimer, Donna, 1/31, \$175,000

BROOKFIELD

7 Hamlin Ct, Mason, Christopher D and Resurrection, Lynn to Steiner, Gregory L, 2/3, \$755,000
16 Vale Rd, Etienne, Jacques E and Tienne, Carmelle to Filippone, Robert, 2/3, \$465,000
22 Eden Ct Lot 22, Tatroe, Theresa L to Mansfield, Nora, 2/1, \$187,500
142 Whisconer Rd, Kardaris, Dennis and Bartiam, Noelle to Mari, Enkel and Mari, Lucia P, 2/1, \$439,000
468 Federal Rd, Demarcate LLC to TCHE Properties LLC, 2/2, \$2,100,000

BURLINGTON

38 West Ledge, Carrier Home Builders Inc to Donaldson, Andrew M and Donaldson, Elaine M, 2/1, \$734,415

CANAAN

Route 63, Hanlon Family LT and Soleau, Mary C to Dean, Stephen J and Jean, Melody M, 2/2, \$500,000
161 Route 63, Hanlon Family LT and Soleau, Mary C to Dean, Stephen J and Jean, Melody M, 2/2, \$500,000

CANTERBURY

23 Marion Ln, USA HUD to AB Enterprise LLC, 2/1, \$240,000
42 Willowbrook Ln, Gaudette, Michael D to Tracy, Prentice J and Tracy, Meaghan C, 1/31, \$365,000
135 Goodwin Rd Lot 1, GC Lisbon LLC to Davis, Flynn J and Morelli, Melissa K, 2/3, \$449,000

CANTON

67 Bridge St, Betty A Scheidel T and Scheidel, Donna A to Stevens, Michael D, 1/31, \$300,000

CHAPLIN

90 S Bedlam Rd, Quies Corner Hop Farm LLC to Strong, Dylan J and Strong, Leslie J, 2/4, \$15,000

CHESHIRE

Rolling Acres Ave, Danner, Robert to Distas-to, Ashley, 1/26, \$300,000
8 Balsam Pl, Clearview McKinley Ests to Kesman Jr, Russell A and Wolk, Kelsey M, 1/26, \$664,603
39 Old Towne Rd Lot 39, Lund FT and Lund, Jeffrey to Mills, James E and Miller, Sandra L, 1/28, \$230,000
60 Winding Trl, Sturges, Mark S and Sturges, Sharon E to Bowman, Robert J and Bowman, Kayleigh E, 1/31, \$739,900
827 Roaring Brook Rd, Williams, Adam and Eisenbarth, Stephanie to Robbins, Gavin, 1/31, \$570,500
1022 Summit Rd, LCB LT and Brainard, Lois C to Saca, Luis G and Saca, Maria A, 1/31, \$199,500
1022 Summit Rd, Brainard 3rd, David W to Saca, Luis G and Saca, Maria I, 1/31, \$199,500

CHESTER

76 Middlesex Ave, Lawler Jr, George V to Gil, Dianne, 2/2, \$475,000

CLINTON

Moorigins 2 Lot 27-1, Carpenter, George B and Carpenter, Susan J to Deangelis, Christopher K and Angelis, Jaimee D, 1/27, \$1,848,000
10 Pleasant Hill Ln, Gabianna Construction LLC to Szwed, Monica and Riggio, Ryan A, 2/1, \$543,271

COLCHESTER

15 Carriage Dr, Connecticut RE Prop LLC to Bellavance, Kimberly, 1/28, \$504,850
75 North Ct Lot 75, Colasanti, Melinda S to Sirois, Antoinette, 1/28, \$322,000
83 Lebanon Ave, 75 Lebanon Avenue LLC to Living Modern Rentals LLC, 1/28, \$532,500
434 Middleton Rd, Soucy Gaston B Est and Soucy, Rick N to CT Bifu Vacation Home Inc, 1/28, \$400,000

CORNWALL

Great Hill Rd Lot 2-3, K&R Dev to Bouchard, Christian, 2/2, \$85,000

COVENTRY

49 Willow Glen Dr, Rogers, Philip to Danforth, Jodi Lynn and Danforth, Daniel, 2/1, \$227,000
150 Brewster St, Edmondson Shirley W Est and Edmondson, Craig W to Durdan, Steven J, 2/1, \$272,000
1194 Cedar Swamp Rd, Blanchard SR Inc to Parisen, James and Parisen, Krysta, 1/31, \$449,060

CROMWELL

10 Woodland Dr Lot 10, Bellhop Home Svcs 2 LLC to Celestano, Robert, 1/31, \$120,000
29 Heather Ct Lot 29, USA HUD to Simon, Jamyle, 2/3, \$143,000
161 Woodland Dr Lot 161, Murtha, Mary A to Baez, Cassandra, 2/1, \$122,000

DANBURY

Birchwood Condominium Lot 11M, Cascade Funding Mtg T to Omata, Yoris S, 2/1, \$208,000
E Pembroke Rd, Notti, Paul and Notti, Donna Q to Gay Jr, Gerald B, 1/31, \$90,000
Judith Dr, Liehman, Lawrence J and Lieb-man, Karen L to Reynoso, Dahliaana, 2/1, \$495,000
Whaley St, Kapelari, Libby to 17 Whaley LLC, 1/31, \$210,000
1 Rivington Way Lot 106, Perreten, Christo-pher B and Perreten, Carol B to Zarif, Sidiq, 1/31, \$458,333
4 Francis Rd, Botelho, Robert D and Kuzniowski, Elizabeth to Menezes, Lorena C, 2/1, \$360,000
4-6 Bear Mountain Rd, Agostino, John to Cobos, Agustín D, 1/24, \$105,000
8 Catalpa Dr, Earle, Diane to Sorrentino, Guy and Sorrentino, Terri, 1/26, \$615,000
10 Hayestown Rd Lot 2-9, Joyce C Grube RET and Grube, Joyce C to Hawa, Azmi E, 1/26, \$425,000
14 Scuppo Rd Lot 4E, Escribano, Ileanez to Nussbaum, Joseph and Nussbaum, Martha, 2/1, \$163,000
14 South St Lot 4, Van Auken, Linda to Retallick, Joanne and Retallick, Jillian, 1/31, \$300,000
15 Ridge Rd, Carmichael, Barbara J and Davis, Sr, Joseph E to Rickman, Mary, 2/1, \$565,000
20 Laura Dr, Ildardi, Christopher and Ildardi, Christina to Gil, Kathryn, 1/27, \$760,000
32 Benedict Ave Lot B, Akakop, Sandra to Acosta, Joanne, 1/27, \$315,000
34-A Padanaram Rd Lot 33, J&N Partners LLC to Bear RE LLC, 1/27, \$148,000
37 Padanaram Ave Lot 33, Ventura, John and Ventura, Sheila to Nunez Investments LLC, 2/1, \$130,000
68 Virginia Ave Lot A8, Holmes T and Holmes, William B to Lima, Rogerio F, 1/31, \$290,000
81 Park Ave Lot 802, Lepre, Thomas P to Caceres, Carlos and Abrill, Maria J, 1/26, \$175,000
95 Park Ave Lot 5, Savagne, Justin M and Savagne, Beth A to Ramirez, Alejandra, 1/31, \$300,000
110 Coalpit Hill Rd Lot C4, Patel, Bhavik B and Shah, Himanshu P to Arnold, Scott D, 1/27, \$230,000
110-A Long Ridge Rd, Dimiglio, Stefano B to Macchionli, Jim, 1/24, \$85,000
126 Triangle St Lot A1, Scalzo, Sandra J to Rai Properties LLC, 1/24, \$123,000
163 South St, Barago Jr, John R and Barago, Bonnie M to Banerjee, Snehanshu, 1/31, \$150,000
188-190 Triangle St, Botelho Rachel Est and Botelho, Bernard to Romero, Luis A, 1/31, \$530,000
6004 Heartwood Ln Lot 6004, Tumang, Joseph and Tumang, Maria C to Ansong, Giftu A and Asante, Edmund, 1/26, \$375,000

DARIEN

N/A Lot CB, Paul P Dauk Assoc Inc and Dauk Associates LLC to Z8 LLC, 1/27, \$600,000
4 Darien Close Lot 4, Abbott, Henry and Abbott, Gabriele to Kinloch, Bruce G and Kinloch, Michele N, 2/1, \$759,000
7 McLaren Rd S, Evanchick, Joseph J and Evanchick, Christine L to Merritt, Anne and Geary, Eric, 1/31, \$2,250,000
11 Edelweiss Ln, Hurn, Steven L and Hurn, Deborah S to Finnegan, Brian and Finnegan, Renee, 2/2, \$1,150,000
19 Hillside Ave, Burke, Lawrence R and Burke, Elizabeth to Kamakhisundaram, Raguram, 2/2, \$1,740,000
21 Highland Ave, Gale, Gregory to Busca-glia, Catherine and Buscaglia, Andrew, 2/1, \$1,267,000
64 Andrews Dr, Trisha Y Barton IRT and Barton, David to Teodoro 4th, Anastacio U and Tollson, Amanda E, 2/2, \$2,100,000
93 Gardiner St, Franco, Michael M and Franco, Maria to Glover, Alexander J and Glover, Patrice D, 1/31, \$1,490,000
273 West Ave, Nickerson, John C and Weath-erby, Holly J to Brown, Scott and Harkness, Lindsay, 2/1, \$710,000
341 Mayflower Rd Lot 127, Branca, Melanie A to McNulty Jr, Martin D and McNulty, Michelle L, 1/27, \$2,700,000
1966 Middlesex Rd, 259 Middlesex Road LLC to 185 Riverside Street LLC, 2/2, \$1,490,000
2636 Boston Post Rd, Zielsinski, Matthew T and Zielsinski, Nancy J to Latino, Christo-pher J and Desjardin, Caitlin D, 1/31, \$850,000

DEEP RIVER

21-A Glen Grove Rd, Clark, Jared to Facius, Anton, 2/2, \$106,250

DERBY

2 Harold Ave, Gilbert, Pauline F to Reid, Lionel C, 1/31, \$275,000
6-8 Summer St, Morano, Gail D and Morano, John A to Brewer, Shirley, 2/1, \$309,900
14-16 7th St, Civitella, Pasquale J to LLE Property Mgmt LLC, 2/3, \$275,000
28 John St, Beaulieu, Nancy J and Binkowski, Alan J to Binkowski, Linda, 2/1, \$364,000
31 6th St, Civitella, Pasquale J to LLE Prop-erty Mgmt LLC, 2/3, \$200,000
204 New Haven Ave Lot 7F, Perez, Julian to Longueira, Anthony P, 1/31, \$195,000
282 Shagbark Dr Lot 282, Ion Bank to Scarpa, Richard and Scarpa, Sandra, 2/4, \$167,500
295 Derby Ave Lot 1, Norkus Jean B Est and Norkus, Mark to Armas, Delia M and Castillo, Jose L, 1/31, \$229,000
315 Silver Hill Rd Lot 19, Hubbell 3rd, William K to Forstrom, Charles, 2/1, \$102,250

DURHAM

9 Side Hill Dr, Reed, Matthew M and Duck-woth, Ellen M to Forrest, Christine, 1/31, \$200,000
90 Camera Rd, Holmes, Kelly L and Weckes-er, Lori M to Rosebrock, Justin and Rose-broock, Jaclyn, 1/31, \$289,000
318-R Parmelee Hill Rd, Serafino Jr, Carmen V and Serafino, Ruth D to Kalkowski, Ryan E and Kalkowski, Samidha M, 2/2,

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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33 Greenfield St Lot 33, White, Bonito to Pinckney, Jason and Pinckney, Erika, 2/4, \$40,000
55-57 Sargeant St, Francis, Errol D to Reyes, Felicia A, 2/3, \$305,000
56-58 Atwood St Lot 3B, Massa, Linda to Reichman, Hirsch, 1/31, \$69,000
64 Bodwell St, Quintero, Isabel and CT Housing Finance Auth to Palacios, Carmen V, 2/2, \$106,930
72 Monroe St, Fox, Claudine to King, Samantha, 2/3, \$189,000
75-77 Barbour St, Wallen, Garth to Carrington, Tiffany, 2/2, \$290,000
83-85 James St, Soares, Evair D to Acosta, Anthony, 1/31, \$285,000
108-110 Lincoln St, Hernandez, Davina to Alexandre, Pierre, 2/3, \$245,000
114 Bloomfield Ave, Ismail, Ali A to Calendrillo, Kate A, 2/1, \$325,000
125-127 Babcock St, Jessamy, Devon to A&H LLC, 1/31, \$272,500
145-147 George St Lot 1, Reyes, Edward to Aristizabal, Johan H, 2/1, \$138,000
162 Bonner St, 194-196 Bonner St Assoc to Deal House Cap Fund 1 LLC, 2/3, \$310,000
175-177 Babcock St, Hartford Pkwood Assoc LLC to Russell Jr, Barrington G, 1/31, \$265,000
176-178 Adelaide St, Falcon, Virginia to Falcon, Miguel, 2/4, \$325,000
189 Mountain St, Angeles, Leopoldo to Galindo, Emy, 1/31, \$182,000
252 Franklin Ave, Pham LLC to 252 Franklin Realty LLC, 2/1, \$550,000
373 Cornwall St, Mcleod, Paulette to Jolly, Nicholas, 2/4, \$215,000
455 Ledyard St, Victor Proccacini&Sons to MSM Express LLC, 2/1, \$310,000
480 Ledyard St, Victor Proccacini&Sons to MSM Express LLC, 2/1, \$300,000
490 Cornwall St, Howell, Lawford A and Howell, Deborah A to Panther, Denise, 2/2, \$220,000
1401-1403 Albany Ave, Chamba, Junior to Robinson, Nicholas and Robinson, Aldene, 2/1, \$361,000

HARWINTON

94 Shafer Rd, Klepps, Timothy A and Klepps, Marissa C to Facciolo, Sean, 2/2, \$45,000
116 Highview Dr, US Bank NA to Dougherty, Benjamin, 2/1, \$103,000

KENT

24 Doldford Rd, Slattery, John C and Slattery, Sook L to Alger, Kevin R, 2/1, \$795,000
80 N Main St Lot 22, Sculley Sean West Est and West-Sculley, Samantha to Riley, Robert K and Riley, Susan K, 1/31, \$266,000
315 S Kent Rd, Crews Joan D Est and Schiesel, Dolores R to Bernard, Peter and Bernard, Elizabeth, 2/3, \$155,000
315 S Kent Rd, Sturges-Crews, Peter B to Bernard, Peter and Bernard, Elizabeth, 2/3, \$155,000

KILLINGLY

16 Thompson Pike, Giles, Kimberly and Rodier, Jessica to Kiefer, Stephen, 2/4, \$285,000
26 Oak St, Supply House Realty LLC to Maccormack, Steven E, 1/31, \$175,000
42 Mechanic St, Supply House Realty LLC to Maccormack, Steven E, 1/31, \$175,000
59 Broad St, Deal House Capital Fund 1 to WTA Properties LLC, 1/31, \$187,500
121 River St, Zadzilek, Kenneth P to Fannon, Keith, 2/4, \$170,000
686 Cook Hill Rd, Desmarais, Gerard P to Campos, Lucas S and Campos, Carlos H, 2/1, \$140,000
1089 Davis Ave, Desautels, Jeffrey to Raymond 3rd, Joseph E, 1/31, \$210,000

LEBANON

130 Card St, Rosenbaum, Deborah to Diaz, Christian, 1/31, \$87,500
130 Card St, Hinkel Edwin H Est and Rosenbaum, Deborah to Diaz, Christian, 1/31, \$87,500

LEDYARD

6 Bittersweet Dr, Marolt, Christopher M to Woodruff, Ross D and Tankley, Mary C, 1/31, \$410,000
33 Vinegar Hill Rd, Dorothy P Daly T and Ravino, Thomas G to Grebe, Dennis, 2/3, \$195,000
34 Partridge Hollow Rd, Duma, David W and Duma, Patricia L to Cleaver, Nathan and Cleaver, Jeannine M, 2/1, \$267,000
39 Ash Dr Lot 26, Iron Realty LLC to Ruiz, Amarilis, 1/31, \$139,900
51 Harvard Ter, Heller, Brian M to Hass, Aaron and Hass, Brenna, 1/31, \$360,000
52 Stonybrook Rd, Tashea, Kerrylynn to Romas&Noorden LLC, 1/31, \$40,000
655 Long Cove Rd, Whipple, James to Brown, Daniel and Brown, Emily, 2/3, \$144,500
655 Long Cove Rd, Whipple Mildred E Est and Whipple, James P to Brown, Daniel and Brown, Emily, 2/3, \$144,500

LISBON

97 Rimek Rd, Kwok, Yuk C to Kinzer, Gavin C, 2/1, \$280,000

LITCHFIELD

Brooks Rd, Brooks, Laura B to Finn, Joshua and Finn, Megan, 1/31, \$102,776
21 Knife Shop Rd, Gordon, Joseph R to Schoenfeld, Natalie and Schoenfeld, Adam, 2/4, \$350,000
35 High Bridge Rd, Cheetham, Jessica M and Cheetham, John M to Siegel, Jan M and Siegel, Ronni J, 1/31, \$495,000
159 Campville Rd, Kalamaras, Debra L and Kalamaras, George D to Stopper, Steven, 2/2, \$65,000
258 Hunter Dr Lot 258, Cicio, Joseph to Martin, Donald M, 2/3, \$450,000

LYME

54 Cove Rd, Cooper, Gwen E and Cooper, Gwen M to Grenier, Anna T and Grenier, Joshua P, 1/31, \$337,500
54 Cove Rd, Richard F Cooper Jr RT and Cooper, Gwen M to Grenier, Anna T and Grenier, Joshua P, 1/31, \$337,500
108 Elys Ferry Rd, Cooper, Gwen E and Cooper, Gwen M to Mckechnie-Swain, Warner and Neely, Laura E, 1/31, \$337,500
108 Elys Ferry Rd, Richard F Cooper Jr RT and Cooper, Gwen M to Mckechnie-Swain, Warner and Neely, Laura E, 1/31, \$337,500
133 Mitchell Hill Rd, Lowry, Malcolm to Heffernan, Cheryl H, 1/20, \$690,000
282 Joshuatown Rd, Parkman, Roger W to Hatton, Charles L and Clapp, Susan K, 1/18, \$725,000

MANCHESTER

12 Oak Forest Dr Lot 5, Nivison, Laurie to Kessin, Zachary D, 1/27, \$194,000
16 Server St, US Bank NA to Mehta, Raman D, 1/24, \$248,500
17 Garden Dr Lot D, Brancieres, Gustavo and Toth, Klara to Way, Britta, 1/31, \$90,000
25 Collingridge Rd, MTS Builders Inc to Nagle, Thomas W and Nagle, Sharon M, 1/31, \$469,900
27 Sage Dr, Duvall, Jeffrey and Duvall, Sherry to Gumeah, Gertrude and Ntem-Mensah, Kwasi A, 1/31, \$310,000
45 Grissom Rd, Russell, Peter J to Fish, Donald W, 1/27, \$279,900
60 Tanner St, Orlowski, Daniel F and Orlowski, Stacey J to Vaernhoej, Niclas and Vaernhoej, Brittniey, 1/31, \$250,000
84 Butternut Rd, Anderson, Harry T to Pearce, Jeffrey and Pearce, Theresa L, 1/31, \$349,000
177 High St, Weldon, Russell G to Stanton, Matthew T, 1/28, \$30,000
447 S Main St Lot 72, Pierson, Janet R to Levesque, Ronald, 1/27, \$185,000
633 Center St Lot E, Hare, Scott M to Sanzo, Stephen and Sanzo, Margaret, 1/25, \$111,000

MANSFIELD

1 White Oak Rd Lot A, Kaitis, Giannis G to Patel, Jigarkumar, 1/31, \$74,000
14 Lebanon Sq Lot 14, Chiang, Pamela P to Waleszczyk, Tambria A, 2/4, \$250,000
68 Olsen Dr, Ritz, Edith R to Parla, James L, 2/1, \$272,600

93 Moulton Rd, Cherrier, Robert to Mary P Delaney 2005 RET and Delaney, Mary P, 1/31, \$110,000
236 Stafford Rd, Cheney, Richard A to 236 Stafford LLC, 2/1, \$280,000
365 Warrenville Rd, Connolly, John P and Connolly, Katrina E to Mcgillowey-Ortiz, Luis, 1/31, \$300,000

MARLBOROUGH

47 Cheyenne Ct Lot 47, Carlson, Donna to Malinka, Helen M, 2/1, \$261,000
424 Jones Hollow Rd Lot 8G, Hills 3rd, George K and Hills, Lynn to Barone, Stephen A and Barone, Jennifer L, 2/4, \$140,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Palumbo, Christopher M to Halubtsova, Sviatlana, 2/1, \$200,000
N/A Lot 16, Rodriguez, Luis to Santiago, David, 2/3, \$135,000
24 Geer Ave, Kolenovic, Bajram to Paglia, Lian, 2/1, \$250,000
37 Colonial Hts, Panciera, Carl R and Panciera, Patricia D to Clase, Winston A and Hernandez, Elena, 2/1, \$260,000
49 Patton Dr Lot 49, Cooley, David E and Cooley, Elizabeth T to Martin, Matthew and Martin, Michelle, 2/2, \$430,000
53 Humbert St, Hamasian, Nicolas and Hamasian, Peter to Tablan, Paul, 2/2, \$255,000
69 New Hanover Ave, L Augustine Associates to Olivera, Herman, 2/1, \$145,000
74 Hillside Ave, 404 Center St Hldg LLC to 74-76 Hillside Ave Hldg, 2/2, \$155,000
75 Hillside Ave, 404 Center St Hldg LLC to 74-76 Hillside Ave Hldg, 2/2, \$155,000
76 Hillside Ave, 404 Center St Hldg LLC to 74-76 Hillside Ave Hldg, 2/2, \$155,000
158 Valley View Dr, Billings, Mathew to Ieraci, Douglas D, 2/4, \$255,100
244 Douglas Dr, Marino Investment Props to Mercado, Glendaly and Velazquez, Gonzalez, 2/2, \$230,000
525 Broad St, Sutherland, Uren to JVC Homes LLC, 2/1, \$340,000
526 Broad St, Sutherland, Uren to JVC Homes LLC, 2/1, \$340,000
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625 Liberty St, Craig, Donald J to Craig, Justin, 2/1, \$145,000
793 W Main St, Mogillo, Mark P and Mogillo, Creedance to Goldberg, Cheryl, 2/4, \$149,900

MIDDLEBURY

910 Middlebury Rd, Hbi Alternative Hldg LLC to Kent, Marjorie, 2/1, \$235,000

MIDDLEFIELD

11 Woodland Hts, Fiddler, Karen A and Fiddler, Michael J to Fiddler Jr, Michael J and Fiddler, Ashley, 2/2, \$277,000
16 Sylvan Rdg Lot 16, Biestek, John to Spence, Roseanne, 2/3, \$240,000
286 Jackson Hill Rd, Cabelus Robert J Est and Montouri, Teresa to Cabelus, Barbara A and Cabelus, Peter, 1/31, \$287,000

MIDDLETOWN

12 Intown Ter, 12 Intown Terrace LLC to Deboer, Lois, 2/1, \$235,000
15 Ward St, 15 Ward Street LLC to CT State Employees UD, 2/2, \$250,000
1231 Washington St, Barbeir, Amy L to Fleming, Amy E, 2/2, \$120,000

MILFORD

2 Little Pond Rd, Jermain Thomas Est and Jermain, Constance to Violi Sr, James and Ho-Violi, Michell, 2/4, \$1,301,000
27 Charles St Lot 27, Metzger Katherine E Est and Metzger, Robert to Quintero, Ryan, 1/28, \$275,000

MONROE

1 Percheron Dr, Rodrigue, Paulin to Banach, Joseph and Banach, Miranda M, 1/31, \$762,000
3 Barton Rd, Brennan, Daniel M to Brennan, Daniel M, 1/31, \$18,000
16 Todd Dr, Kelman, Christopher and Kelman, Marcy E to Villalba, Zoey, 2/3, \$400,000
110 Mill Brook Ter, Oed, Bernadette to Mello, Michael, 1/31, \$442,500
163 Highland Dr Lot 163, Boehm, Evelyn to Degeralomo, Anne C, 1/31, \$259,250
347 Moose Hill Rd, Howden, Gary N and Howden, Heidi S to Clarke, James P and Clarke, Deborah D, 2/3, \$420,000
562 Pepper St, RKV T and Velky, Kathy A to Lopez, Lucy P and Lopez, Milton M, 1/31, \$230,000
754 Monroe Tpke, Neel, Paul M to Avalos, Gustavo M, 2/2, \$469,000

MORRIS

107 Looking Glass Hill Rd, Shiah, Thomas R and Shiah, Patricia to Thorne-Segall, Margaret, 1/31, \$559,500

NAUGATUCK

13 Ridge Rd Lot 8, Clark, Nancy B and Clark, Robert G to Nogueira, Lucas D, 1/31, \$130,000
24 Little River Dr, Calendrillo, Anthony and Calendrillo, Kate A to Taveras, William A and Torres, Yelitza R, 2/3, \$305,000
27 Simsberry Rd, Trezczor Joseph S Jr Est and Spencer, Karen to Deolivera, Wanderley, 2/3, \$172,000
32 Wilson St, Malenda, Wayne A and Malenda, Mary E to Romero, Mirna, 1/31, \$234,000
58 Anderson St, Afandi Group Inc to Wa Investment Prop LLC, 2/3, \$123,420
71 John St, Beattie, Ciara R to Duprey, Ayers and Ayers, Caleb, 2/3, \$225,000
84 Johnson St, Stowell, Kathleen M and Weinzierl, Chad R to Fernandes, John, 1/31, \$220,000
85 Ridge Rd Lot 7, Dubose, Eddie to Sanchez, Clay, 2/3, \$102,000
93 Ridge Rd Lot 8, Norkus, James to Claslan Apartments LLC, 2/3, \$123,420
101 Ridge Rd Lot 11, Serrano, Maritza to Morales, Chanel G and Morales, Hector G, 2/1, \$125,000
103 Greenwood St, Garcia, Benjamin M to Belle, Madiline and Sparks, Rodney, 1/31, \$297,970
142 Margaret Cir, Siconolfi, Lawrence to Paul, Porshia A, 1/31, \$365,000
167 City Hill St, Patel, Chiragkumar to Sabino, Erica, 2/2, \$265,000
552 Hillside Ave, Dunn, Kathleen M to Dunn, Kathleen M, 2/1, \$177,000
1054 Andrew Mountain Rd, Robinson Valerie A Est and Robinson, Donnaltee to Gonzalez, Mariana and Polito, Anthony, 2/3, \$254,900

NEW BRITAIN

15 Chapman St, Gordon, Lydell to Lava-da-Walker, Tiffany, 1/27, \$200,000
15 Sefton Dr, Baba, Shemiran M to Baba, Michael R, 1/26, \$145,000
45 Horace St, Daglis, Tadeusz and Fusco, Hedly to Timberland Group LLC, 1/27, \$387,000
184 Linwood St, Duque, Jaime to Williams, Tanya and Williams, Linda, 1/27, \$208,500
201 Glen St, Supertech Realty LLC to 201 Glen NB LLC, 1/27, \$365,000
515 John Downey Dr, 515 John Downey Drive LLC to Mint Manufacturing LLC, 1/27, \$700,000
531 Allen St, Malcynsky Jr, Frank J to Glenstone Dev P1 LLC, 1/27, \$140,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

1 Wood Creek Rd, Weldon, Steven M and Weldon, Caroline A to Salgado, Roxanne, 2/2, \$727,000
3 Barn Brook Dr, Rock Harbor Builders LLC to Ratty, Michael S and Higgins, Megan S, 2/1, \$771,955
55 Rocky Hill Rd, Neumann, Cory and White, Dylan to Newmark, Milena and Foglia, Matthew, 1/31, \$399,900
70 Ball Pond Rd, Meadows, Timothy K and Meadows, Frances M to Graham, Jasmine C, 2/2, \$378,000
124 Ball Pond Rd, Morgan, Gregory to Lopez, Hugo, 2/1, \$450,000

NEW HARTFORD

N/A, Favo Group LLC to Fancher, Matthew and Fancher, Jolie, 2/1, \$350,000

NEW HAVEN

12 Bishop St, Guo, Zeng G and Guo, Tak S to Sherman, Garrett, 2/1, \$399,900
16 Dorman St, Ford, Mary L and Moran, Ann M to 16 Dorman St Holdings LLC, 2/3, \$285,000
21 Weybosset St, Marku, Muse and Marku, Besa to Fallone, Patrick M, 2/3, \$444,000
23 Whittier Rd, Dangelo, Mary A to Dinota, Bryan, 2/1, \$365,000
45 Burr St, Diaz, Vivian to Constante, Christian C, 2/2, \$250,000
51 Osborn Ave, Mccarty, Barbara A and Sargent Jr, John M to Roa, Henry, 2/2, \$280,000
54 Rosewood Ave, Hernandez, Rafael to Centeno, Luis and Rosa, Kiana L, 1/31, \$160,000
59 Ashland Pl, Perillo 3rd, Albert A to Lee, Richard, 2/1, \$276,000
69 W Rock Ave, Ahn, Byung T and Park-Ahn, Sun H to Wineberg, Chanoch Y and Paltiel, Chaya M, 2/2, \$405,000
80 Adeline St, DSMC LLC to Ep Home Buyers LLC, 2/2, \$297,500
85 Hubinger St, Manciero, Philip to ABCD Investments Dr LLC, 2/2, \$345,000
99 Water St, Luciani, Vito A to Brown Street New Haven, 1/31, \$1,500,000
112 Hallock Ave, Bryce, Harris and Bryce, Joy to Chial LLC, 2/3, \$325,000
121 Lexington Ave Lot 4, 122 Currier Ridge LLC to 666 Ferry LLC, 2/2, \$105,000
121 Lexington Ave Lot 27, 122 Currier Ridge LLC to 666 Ferry LLC, 2/2, \$105,000
123 Atwater St, 63 Chamberlain LLC to Tenezaca, Segundo M and Jaigua, Enma N, 2/3, \$230,000
127 Haven St, New Haven City Of and Garcia, Lydia to Mohsin, Mohammad, 2/4, \$127,000
151 Fitch St, 102 CH Fitch LLC to Fitch Properties LLC, 2/1, \$1,537,500
236 Nicoll St, Nicoll Street LLC to Nohu LLC, 2/2, \$575,000
269 Forbes Ave, Krall Coal Co Inc to Agrod LLC, 2/4, \$240,000
328 Prospect Ave Lot 328, Laspino, Andrew A to Kelly, Shantel, 2/1, \$158,000
376 Quinnipiac Ave, Depaola, Anthony to Pappas, Markos, 1/31, \$265,000
381 Edgewood Ave, Jones, Aneta M to Singh, Harinder, 2/1, \$360,000
486 Congress Ave, Bethae, Robert to 846-850 Congress LLC, 2/3, \$385,000
646 Dixwell Ave, Johnson, Donovan to Taj Real Estate LLC, 2/2, \$200,000
675 Townsend Ave Lot 102, Moreland, Stephanie to Adams, Kimberly, 1/31, \$240,800

NEW CANAAN

33 Old Turnpike Rd S, Lemon Properties LLC to Marlowe, Brent and Larson-Marlowe, Mary E, 1/31, \$349,000

NEW HAVEN

20 Drazen Dr, Luanci Construction LLC to Pallas, Elent, 1/31, \$370,000
23 Fawn Ridge Dr, Klesich, Kurt to Dinlhian, Nicole and Dinlhian, Matthew, 2/1, \$469,000
106 Shawmut Ave, Morrissey, Charles R to 106 Shawmut LLC, 2/4, \$235,000
180 Montowese Ave, Carrion-Gallegos, Julio C to Hwang, Candy and Stanton, Colin, 2/1, \$408,000
586 Skiff St, Frost, Susan C to Buontempo, Dante and Buontempo, Assunta, 2/4, \$307,500

NEW STONINGTON

6 Pond Dr, Gaston, Teresa and Gaston, Derwin L to Oullette, Ernest and Oullette, Maggie, 1/31, \$262,000
7 Farm Ponds Rd, Chesteine-Franklin, Toni and Franklin, Kenneth to Rogers, James A and Rogers, Kathleen, 2/1, \$650,000
28 Pinecrest Rd, Rizzuto, Mark D and Rizzuto, Kerry J to Dissuatt, Zachary R and Jurzyk, Rachel M, 2/1, \$335,000
34 Mystic Rd, Omeara, Lisa to Leonardo, Joseph and Ambrose, Albert, 1/31, \$329,000
41 Pine Woods Rd, Comstock, Kristen A to Cervieri, Michael J and Goshtash-Dashtaki, Homa, 2/1, \$490,000
94 Pine Woods Rd, White, David A and Simon, Debra A to White, Marc A and White, Taylor J, 2/4, \$360,000
351 Pendleton Hill Rd, Miner, Arthur F to Wanstall, Susan and Wanstall, Frank, 2/3, \$210,000

NORWALK

Crescent St, Lubrano Place LLC to MN Norwalk Realty LLC, 2/1, \$7,000,000
1 Linden St Lot B14, Hein, Nancy to Gonzalez, Christian E, 2/4, \$208,300
6 Felix Ln, Brittenham, Charles to Gaspard, Darline, 2/4, \$550,000
8 Taylor Ave Lot 3, Jubrey, Brandon and Jubrey, Licethy to Castillo, Isaac F, 2/3, \$189,000
10 Ann St Lot 306, Steinwand, Tracy to Dolores Gavin T and Gavin, Dolores, 2/1, \$510,000
10 Maplewood Ter, Luchetta, Stephanie and Ebenau, Frederick to Valle, Yarnel and Lorenzo, Vanessa, 1/31, \$423,999
11 Baxter Dr, Demaio, Carol G to Sael, Julie-ene and Philippe, Christian, 2/1, \$380,000
12 France St, Tangard, Sophie and Efstathia-

des, Eleftherios to Kikos LLC, 2/1, \$1,650,000
14 Sherwood St, Frank, George A to Frank, Caitlin and Stempniewicz, Nikita, 2/4, \$1,010,000
10 Old Witch Ct, Sanchez, Leidis K to Olsen, Christopher W, 2/2, \$75,000
15 Pine Point Rd Lot 399, Quinlivan, Joseph R and Quinlivan, Susanne M to Shiirreffs, Dana, 2/4, \$104,000
15 Pine Point Rd Lot 30, Burke, David A and Burke, Catherine L to Paul Wagner T and Wagner, Paul, 1/31, \$135,000
16 Hillside Pl Lot D2, Santa, Emanuel to Ajilo, Deborah and Garofano Jr, William J, 2/2, \$330,000
16 Tanglewood Ln, Debreus, Virginie A to Lima, Gilberto O, 2/3, \$397,000
17 Myrtle St, Chiappetta, Daniel J and Chiappetta, Gabrielle E to Jurman, Ian and Krancher, Mathias, 2/4, \$465,000
27 Chatham Dr, Singer, Jason and Singer, Cristina to Mattson, Scott and Mattson, Dana, 2/1, \$815,000
27 Redcoat Rd, Lazzaro, Janet M to Bascom, Gavin D and Bascom, Lauren S, 2/2, \$667,500
37 Strathmore Ln Lot 37, Guo, Weijun to Schmuikler, Ariela and Flynn, Pnina S, 2/3, \$394,000
47 Prospect Ave Lot 47, Melendez, Jose E to Alvarez, Kathleen R, 2/1, \$220,000
65 Wolfpit Ave Lot 4D, Lee, Marcia C to Jacobi, Lorraine, 2/1, \$460,000
92 Lexington Ave, Lodge, William M to 92 Lexington Ave LLC, 2/2, \$290,000
105 Richards Ave Lot 2403, Vitti, Robert to Class, Cinthia and Perez, Martin, 2/4, \$246,500
115 Fillow St Lot 56, Merigliano, Marie R to Jacoby, Spencer and Jacoby, Naomi, 2/1, \$351,000
129 E Rocks Rd, Colvin, Scott and Colvin, Shu J to Meskunas, John and Dejesus, Shary Y, 2/2, \$539,000
137 Sunrise Hill Rd Lot 1, Kesten, Jody B to Pietro, Michael J, 2/3, \$375,000
198 Sunrise Hill Rd Lot 198, Taylor, Bonnie K to Lawrence 4th, Frank D and Lawrence, Alina, 2/1, \$412,000

NORWICH

5 Town St, Drena, Richard E to Arteaga, Carrie and Gerry, Janice, 2/1, \$198,000
303 Mohegan Park Rd, Speer, Elissa to Calle, German, 1/31, \$10,500

OLD LYME

5 Academy Ln, Levin, Joan K to Lockyer, Bryn A and Woessner, Thomas S, 2/4, \$717,500
21 Chadwick Dr, Giordano, Nicholina to Foley, Caitlin E, 1/31, \$415,000
22 Oak St, McKeon, Maria to Lanza, Gail, 2/2, \$785,000
36 Homestead Cir, Kissane, William M to Kissane, Judith M and Dyer, Kevin J, 2/1, \$375,000
39 Sill Ln, Boyd, Timothy and Boyd, Anastasia M to Macro Design Group Inc, 2/4, \$775,000
48 Brightwater Rd, Eagan, Michael O and Eagan, Margaret A to Eagan, Owen P, 2/3, \$250,000

OLD SAYBROOK

5 Rocky Point Rd, Milardo Jr, Salvatore J and Milardo, Rhea L to Borrelli Jr, Louis A, 2/3, \$700,000
13 Hartford Ave, Woods, Barbara O to Ganci, Michael J, 2/4, \$349,900
106 Old Sea Ln, Laura E Hale LT and Hale, Laura E to Martel, Paul, 1/31, \$649,000
ORANGE
7 New Haven Ave, Hecht, Joshua and Hecht, Bluma to Bennis, Hanane, 2/4, \$540,000
118 Cricket Ln, Tomei Josephine Est and Galluzzo, Linda to Shahzad, Muhammad A and Shahzad, Samra, 2/1, \$440,000
290 Meetinghouse Ln, Curley, Patrick J to Bronski, Christopher E, 2/1, \$517,000
852 Glenbrook Rd, Maciog, Theresa J and Maciog, Louis to Pedraza, Daniel and Pedraza, Natasha, 2/4, \$460,000

OXFORD

221 Meadow Brook Rd Lot 221, Savard Wayne L Est and Savard, Timothy to Lapke Sr, Mark A and Lapke, Joann, 1/28, \$525,100

PLAINFIELD

Sterling Hill Rd Lot 6-2, Ka&G Development LLC to HC Rose Contractors Inc, 1/31, \$45,000
Sterling Hill Rd Lot 6-1, Ka&G Development LLC to HC Rose Contractors Inc, 1/31, \$40,000
16-20 Lake St, Absollife Properties LLC to Byrnes Investment Group, 1/31, \$260,000
18 Victoria Dr, Brisson 3rd, John O and Brisson, Cheryl A to Brisson 4th, John O, 1/31, \$178,300
216 Snake Meadow Rd, Howard, Brenda to Clark, Eric J, 2/2, \$316,000
540 Squaw Rock Rd, Roper FT and Socquet, Neil to Socquet-Jameson, Linda, 2/3, \$320,000
PLAINVILLE
8 Bel Aire Dr, Paradis, Beverly J to Rafiq, Aftab, 2/3, \$420,000
236 East St, Marcello, Christopher J and Marcello, Alina to Marcello, Andrew N, 2/3, \$120,000
466 East St Lot 12, Buden, Malgorzata to Pekoske, Haley, 1/26, \$157,000

PLYMOUTH

NW Colonial Dr Lot 12, Waheguruji LLC to Odonnell, Megan E and Odonnell, James R, 1/31, \$428,000

POMFRET

Clinic Rd, Cerullo, Sharayne L to Pomfret Town Of, 2/3, \$10,000
Route 44, Hennen Paul G Est and Hennen, Ann B to Carter, Gareth, 1/31, \$440,000

PORTLAND

120 William St, Ortisi FT and Hefferman, Janice to Coleman, Brenda and Coleman, Liam, 2/2, \$310,000

PROSPECT

6 Robinmark Rd, Boucher, Gary and Boucher, Lori to Anderson, Eleanor and Bodurtha, Russell, 2/1, \$428,750
29 Straitsville Rd, Delucia, Ernest R and Delucia, Joseph E to Cotas, Jose, 2/4, \$55,000
35 Highland Dr, Pilat, Edward and Pilat, Rachel to Brandien, Eric, 1/31, \$293,000
47 Union City Rd, 48 Kent St LLC to Borrelli, Joseph G, 2/1, \$265,000
50 Sherwood Dr, Kosakowski, Ronald to Dominguez, Cristhian, 2/2, \$267,000
65 Putting Green Ln, Czekaj, Jaroslav to Leite, Corey I and Leite, Vanessa, 2/2, \$375,000
102 Clark Hill Rd, Brennan, Daniel P and Brennan, Rebecca C to Uttley, Elijah, 1/31, \$208,000
226 Straitsville Rd, Hamelin, Diane L to Chasser, Leah M and Rubin, Eric M, 1/31, \$360,000

REDDING

4 Tunxis Trl, Driver Deborah C Est and Lewis, Justin to Wermuth, Christopher and Roy, Courtney, 2/3, \$488,000

RIDGEFIELD

Main St, Plum, James J to Flath, Earl and Flath, Colleen, 2/1, \$1,065,000
16 Pelham Ln, Banerjee, Sunil and Banerjee, Susan B to Katzen, Mollie, 1/31, \$1,048,000
27 Wooster St, Murray, Michael C and Murray, Mary L to Mcdowell, Zachary M and Davenport, Mary E, 2/1, \$1,200,000
85 Scodon Dr, Victor Mimesault T and Caprio, Tracy to Parrish, Jason and Parrish, Melissa, 1/31, \$610,000
129 Keeler Dr, Sleight, Ellen S to Mcmillan, Shawn and Mcmillan, Carolyn, 2/1, \$66,812
144 Silver Spring Ln, Ventres, Dale H to Jusufi, Shpendim and Jusufi, Media, 1/31, \$625,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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99 Spring St, Ritchie, Wayne J to Ramos, Madeline and Ventura, Alfredo, 1/31, \$165,000
116 Roosevelt Ave, Selmani, Alberta to Sutherland, Annettestacy A, 1/31, \$250,000
204 Greenridge Rd, Lee, Stephen to Laufer, Shaun, 1/31, \$220,000
224 Litchfield St, Lombaida, Maria A to Romero Property Mgmt LLC, 1/31, \$160,000
241 Riverside Ave, FNMA to Tillock, Jaime, 2/2, \$129,900
333 Kennedy Dr Lot R101, Chamber Of Commerce to Therap Services LLC, 2/2, \$572,000
374 White Pine Rd, Winn, Julia M to Sparano, Cynthia M and Boldi, Carla S, 1/31, \$336,000

TRUMBULL
Hawthorne Ridge Condo Lot 20, Coscio, Frank J and Coscio, Barbara to Bennet, June W and Pirre, Carolyn, 2/3, \$34,000
White Plains Rd Lot 2, Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Knapp, Lea and Bai, Andrea, 2/3, \$250,000
19 Walker Rd, Belinkie, Diane to Stotsky, Susanne and Stotsky, Edward B, 2/4, \$490,000
156 Teller Rd, 156 Teller Road LLC to Council, James and Lemarier, Rachel, 2/2, \$750,000
165 Hurd Rd, Gega, Arby to Kinard, Charles W and Kinard, Yvette M, 1/31, \$590,000
2491 Huntington Rd, Trumbull Merritt 101 LLC to Francisco, Freddy and Mejia, Muralles, 2/3, \$25,000

VOLUNTOWN
Wyllie School Rd, Boettger, Emily A and Crudale, Matthew J to Kuck, Maggie L and Boettger, Emily A, 1/31, \$305,000
1017 Ekonk Hill Rd, Mcguire Thomas J Est and Cabriotti, Alex to Cabriotti, Alex, 1/31, \$170,000

WALLINGFORD
10 Wayne Rd, Houshin, Thomas C to Mitchell, Michael A and Mitchell, Marybeth, 2/3, \$340,000
11 Bailey Ave, Lacombe, Noella H to Pelkey, Christopher and Pelkey, Stephanie, 2/3, \$274,750
28 S Whittlesley Ave, Mcgee, Jonathna to Kaplan, Baruch, 2/1, \$320,000
31 Edgewood Dr, Howard, Ruth E to Howard, Sara, 2/3, \$350,000
81 Sigwin Dr Lot 81, Pelkey, Christopher to 666 Ferry LLC, 2/2, \$100,000
147 S Colony St, Simkus, John and Simkus, Dawn to Laureano-Ekstrom, Diego, 2/1, \$215,000
176 N Main St, CCMD Investmetns LLC to Pillacela, Favian, 2/1, \$670,000
177 N Main St, CCMD Investmetns LLC to Pillacela, Favian, 2/1, \$670,000
178 N Main St, CCMD Investmetns LLC to Pillacela, Favian, 2/1, \$670,000
179 N Main St, CCMD Investmetns LLC to Pillacela, Favian, 2/1, \$670,000
180 N Main St, CCMD Investmetns LLC to Pillacela, Favian, 2/1, \$670,000
328 High Hill Rd, Economopoulos, Tayler to Purdy, Erica D, 2/1, \$605,000

WATERBURY
Larchmont Lk, Zailckas Florence J Est and Zailckas, Patrick to Curry, Harrold and Zailckas, Patrick, 1/31, \$315,000
Villa Sol D Or Condo, Bradley Gardens Inc to

Towne Sq Apartments LLC, 2/4, \$930,500
W Radcliffe Ave, Desjardins, Diane to Rutka Jr, John and Landwehr, Claudia, 2/3, \$148,000
6 Budd St, Beaudoin, Michael and Cerutti, Michael to Miles, Quafetsiah and Edwards, Lawrence, 2/2, \$259,000
7 Francisco Cir, Dias, Carlos M and Pinto, Maria J to Zamore, Krystal E and Zamore, Donald, 2/1, \$227,500
12 Christian Hill Rd, Curry Jr, Harrold J and Curry, Tracy L to Miller Street Prop LLC, 1/31, \$139,000
19 Albion St, Farrington, John M and Farrington, Chris L to Nunes, Iva, 1/31, \$173,000
19 Porter Manor Dr Lot 4, Pendola, Jason and Pendola, Janyce to Chaudhry, Hammad, 2/3, \$105,000
20 Hans Ave, RZ Enterprises LLC to Castillo, Marlon D, 2/1, \$310,000
22 Larchmont Ave, Silva, Daniel to Once, Marcos B, 2/1, \$185,000
24 Taft Pt Lot 47, Chinn, Robert A and Chinn, Mary E to Smalls, Rebecca, 1/31, \$161,000
25 Ward St, Garcia, Ramon to Miah, Saiful A and Akter, Panna, 2/1, \$190,000
26 York St, Buonocore, Fiore M to Deleo, Jason, 2/3, \$120,000
27 Manhan St, 27 Manhan LLC to Urrutia, Lucia, 2/4, \$135,000
40 Warren St, Delponse, Sam to Flores, Juan J, 1/31, \$95,000
45 Doran St, Encarnacion, Marilyn to Ruiz, Chaynie, 2/1, \$185,000
50 Cedar Ave, McCarty, Lillian V to Cozier, Eric A and Harnarain, Kamlawantie, 2/3, \$190,000
50 Dwight St, Aggarwal, Ajay K to Rivera, Jessica and Gonzalez, David, 2/1, \$209,000
52 Clairmont Ave, Lall, Marvin to Accely, Welby, 2/2, \$240,000
52 Sharon Rd Lot 9, Barnes, Eileen W to Marquez, Tamara, 2/3, \$65,000
52 Sharon Rd Lot 3, Torchia, Luca and Torchia, Amanda to Tejada, Jaiiene M, 1/31, \$96,000
53 Horseshoe Dr, Kargbo, Abubakarr to Colon, Jessica, 2/1, \$218,800
63 Barsalou Ave, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to Shakhnazarov, Artur, 2/1, \$100,500
63 Society Hill Rd, Boyden Estates Dev Inc to Herrera Jr, Rogelio and Herrera, Beverly, 2/1, \$237,500
73 Alberta St, Soares, Leonardo D and Soares, Lucas T to Fahmy, Said, 2/2, \$215,000
84 Toros Ave, Ok Homes LLC to Jones, Dalphanie, 2/3, \$206,000
85 Ledgeside Ave, Demiraj, Halim and Demiraj, Pemiola to Suarez Jr, Raymond J, 2/2, \$270,000
95 Nelson Ave, Miller Street Prop LLC to Ventura, Yahaira, 2/3, \$229,900
102 Wolcott St, Harnarain, Kamlawantie to Peralta, Gladys R, 2/3, \$245,000
108 Granby St, Scampolino, Marc J to Quezada, Francisco, 2/1, \$210,000
109 Stonybrook Rd, Matos, Rebecca J and Matos, Henri to Chabla, Joana, 1/31, \$240,000
150 Fanning St, Lyons, Raymond E to Velez, Aurea, 1/31, \$210,000
159 Granby St, Sharif, Latifa to Morales, Yasmin M and Romero, Juab M, 2/2, \$88,000
173 Hewey St, Mancuso, Richard M and Mancuso, Carmen M to Ribeiro, Diane, 2/4, \$166,000
175 Mount Vernon Ave, Pagni, Guillaume A to Ferri, Vanessa, 2/4, \$280,500
179 Tracy Ave, Miller Street Prop LLC to

Dilone, Yordalys, 2/3, \$222,000
187 Celia Dr, Felder, Trista to Dallai, Jennifer, 1/31, \$154,500
229 Montoe Rd, Dzwonchyk Sr, Richard J to Cassetta, Kathleen, 2/1, \$117,000
234 N Walnut St, Gmar Tov LLC to Almonte, Natalie and Mendez, Danis F, 2/3, \$150,000
257 Traverse St, Isler, Lucendia D to Ward, Juanalee, 2/2, \$279,500
265 Traverse St, Mais, Nolan to Anguisaca, Segundo A, 2/1, \$220,000
286 Beth Ln, Bartlett Contracting LLC to Fern P Frederick T and Postol, Todd A, 2/4, \$249,900
317 Highland Dr, Sidella, Judith to Murillo, Raul B and Arrieta, Jeimy, 2/2, \$310,000
348 Chase Pkwy, Aviles, Zuheill to Sewer, Isaiah A, 2/3, \$230,000
438 Columbia Blvd Ext, Comfort Homes Prop LLC to Durham, Betty, 1/31, \$223,000
650 Congress Ave, Renaissance Fndtn Inc to Perriello Rentals LLC, 2/1, \$150,000
725 Waterville St, Monteiro, Laurie A to Barbecho, Carlos V and Quito, Maria N, 1/31, \$275,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 23E, Brush, William G and Brush, Olivia to Rainone, Gina, 2/3, \$163,000
975 Meriden Rd Lot 61, Goewey, Hallima to Harvey, Eugene and Harvey, Anne, 1/31, \$102,100
1163 W Main St, Agolli, Dorian to Brown, Zachary, 2/1, \$130,000
1320 Hamilton Ave, Mastro, Loretta L and Mastro, Ronald E to Azulphar, Sherley, 2/3, \$259,900

WATERTOWN
Bassettd Rd, Pagliarulo, Marcie S and Pagliarulo, Joseph A to Bristol, Robin, 1/31, \$149,900
7 Cannon Ridge Dr Lot 7, Femiak, Deborah to Digliani, Jack and Digliani, Lorie, 2/3, \$215,000
80 Old Baird Rd, Saavedra, Osvaldo to Bojka, Florina, 1/31, \$95,000
245 Cherry Ave Lot A23, Adams, Tina M to Borka, Florina, 1/31, \$95,000
1461 Bunker Hill Rd, Bow, David and Bow, Katherine to Rozon, Danny, 2/4, \$799,000

WEST HARTFORD
23 Madsen Rd, Blades, Ian D and Blades, McKenzie R to Braiewa, Katherine, 1/31, \$350,000
820 Farmington Ave, Lata Corp to Airbel Real Estate LLC, 2/1, \$525,001

WEST HAVEN
7 Woody Crst, Paine, Maria to Krantz, Patrice E, 2/1, \$400,000
16 Ward Pl, McLaughlin, Keri R to Gateway Financial Service, 2/1, \$160,000
21 North St, Morr, Edward L and Nafftel, Jodi to Ob Christy LLC, 2/4, \$155,000
26 Washington Manor Ave, 26 Washington Manor LLC to Ortega, Winston E, 2/1, \$110,000
31 Smith Ct, US Bank NA to Yeroz, Zeynul-lah, 2/1, \$271,200
42 Candee Ave, TMSL Properties LLC to Jackson, Roberta and Fusco, Patrice, 1/31, \$312,000
50 Baggott St, Garretson, Cheryl A and Garretson, William to 50 Baggott Street LLC, 2/3, \$185,000
50 East Ave, Evans Jr, G Alan to Faison, Artura and Faison, Andre, 2/4, \$310,000
50 Wood St, Carrero, Hugo L to Gateway Financial Service, 2/1, \$330,000
65 Grove Pl, Porter, Debra E to Moore Jr,

Richard L and Manning-Moore, Ellen L, 2/2, \$125,000
89 Coleman St Lot 731, Powell, Nalacia A to S&D Realty Group LLC, 2/1, \$83,500
114 Chestnut St, Soliven, Ranillo to Guerrero, Deyanira S, 2/3, \$350,000
120 Elm St, Ji, Ang to Minaudo, Joseph and Minaudo, Christina, 2/1, \$360,000
124 Lake St, Lombardi, Marilyn F to Parmelee, Dana L and Parmelee, Elizabeth S, 2/1, \$311,000
157 Bull Hill Ln Lot S1, Amani LLC to Lajeja, Kunal, 2/4, \$82,500
157 Bull Hill Ln Lot S2, Mohamed, Nour to Syed, Allam H, 2/3, \$107,000
161 Campbell Ave, Sosa Jr, Luis and Sosa, Kathleen to Alvarez, Edwin B, 2/2, \$350,000
216 Washington Ave, Locke, Clifford B and Locke Jr, Eugene D to Lewis, Wayne A, 2/2, \$370,000
218 Burwell Rd, Burwell Estates LLC to Martinez Jr, George, 2/1, \$329,900
226 Burwell Rd, Burwell Estates LLC to Beckford, Elizabeth and Beckford, Richard, 2/3, \$335,000
245 Homeside Ave, USA HUD to Oval Enterprise LLC, 2/1, \$160,150
285 Savin Ave Lot A9, Hoda, John A and Hoda, Gloria A to 666 Ferry LLC, 2/4, \$112,000
308 Front Ave, Collins, Walter to Rae, Richard T, 2/1, \$205,000
375 Captain Thomas Blvd Lot 14, Arboleda, Natalia to Chambers, Susan S, 1/31, \$230,000
586 Platt Ave, Kedzo, Karina A and Bernal-Ruiz, Andres A to 386 Plattav LLC, 2/1, \$310,000

WESTBROOK
Settlers Pl Lot 8, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Mcgowan, John and Mcgowan, Marcia, 1/27, \$387,681
Settlers Pl Lot 20, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Krantz, Larry H and Barber, Joyce, 1/27, \$318,979
Settlers Pl Lot 14, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Maciver, Donald, 1/27, \$247,894
Settlers Pl Lot 7, Bocca Des Properties LLC and Higgins, Sarah C to Crawford, Susan A, 2/1, \$341,934

WESTON
Kettle Creek Rd, Harmon, James A to Lipman, Steven, 1/31, \$300,000
12 Old Mill Rd, 12 Old Mill Road LLC to Cleves&Siguenza Props, 2/4, \$1,110,000
33 High Acre Rd, Bochanis, Jordan to Barakat, Joseph and Plyler, Kathryn, 2/1, \$1,250,000
135 Davis Hill Rd, Roberts, Toby and Fiorin-Roberts, Tatiane to Fusco, David M and Fusco, Jamie R, 2/2, \$1,049,000
164 Steep Hill Rd, Morris, Bronwen H to Zielinski, Matthew and Zielinski, Lauren, 1/31, \$818,000

WESTPORT
3 Ridgewood Ln, Benevides Jr, Peter J to Frohlich, Leon and Frohlich, Irene Y, 1/28, \$1,300,000
3 River View Rd, Beresford, Julien and Brunjes, Kathyanne to Pike, Jason and Pike, Julie, 1/25, \$2,300,000
3 Terra Nova Cir Lot 3, Hon, Julie to Stibel, Gary and Sloane, Esther, 1/25, \$1,148,000
15 Newtown Tpke, Matriacovo, Fred J and Matriacovo, Irene C to Mancini, Rocco and Esianor, Kelly, 1/24, \$1,295,000
24 Morningside Dr, Morningside Drive Hm LLC to Tsahirides, George and Fortino, Lillian M, 1/28, \$1,100,000

786 Post Rd E, CPCII LLC to Global Montello Grp Corp, 1/28, \$1,893,857

WETHERSFIELD
4 Barrington Dr Lot D, Sirko, Susan M to Inghilterra, Marcel, 1/31, \$182,000
5 Buckland Rd, Vivenzio, Ryan D to Smith, Gayle, 2/1, \$230,000
10 Lexington St, Streete, Linette to Zachary, Lei L, 2/3, \$317,000
18 Longvue Dr, Randazzo, Judy and Cirullo, Paricia to Wadman, Emily K, 1/31, \$324,900
38 Center St, Brown Barbara H Est and Brown Jr, William C to Addamo, Paul and Addamo, Joanne P, 1/31, \$285,000
82 Dale Rd, Baldwin, Doreen Z to Mathews, Laura, 2/4, \$235,000
91 Griswold Rd, Brummitt, Christina S to CT Cash Homes LLC, 2/3, \$157,000
112 Church St, Theodore T Stein 3rd LT and Stein 3rd, Theodore T to Phillip M Rouquie LLC, 2/4, \$205,000
454 Wells Rd, Cabrera, William and Larson, Ruth to Castillo, Catherine and Zayas, Edwin L, 2/4, \$268,000

WILLINGTON
Route 44, Carini, Jennifer L to Cedar Forest LLC, 1/31, \$400,000
63 Schofield Rd Lot 62, Turgeon, Connie J to Green, Christian S, 1/27, \$70,000

WILTON
N/A Lot 3, Dirocco, John to Golden Crocodile Property, 2/2, \$2,700,000
28 Antler Ln, Szarek, Piotr and Jaskot, Monika to Corso, Gregory and Corso, Tara, 2/1, \$1,225,000
37 Marvin Ridge Pl, Maureen B Turnier RET and Bailey, Heather to Janofsky, Eric and Janofsky, Elizabeth, 1/31, \$850,000
89 Indian Hill Rd, New Residential Mortgage to Hamlet Group LLC, 2/1, \$547,050
96 Wilton Crst Lot 96, Kondreddi, Nava K to Gjini, Gasper, 2/3, \$255,000
196 Belden Hill Rd, Chan, Stephen and Chan, Aileen to Chan, Yau C and Lee, Fu C, 2/2, \$1,075,000
553 Belden Hill Rd, Norris, Melissa D to Romero, Mindy C and Martinez, Deborah R, 2/3, \$725,000
631-643 Danbury Rd, Rau Family LP to Palace Oriental Rug Of W, 2/3, \$1,900,000

WINCHESTER
25 Hillside Ave, Vella, Matthew A and Kelley, Heather A to Strategic Brands Corp, 1/31, \$385,000
50 Woodland Ave, Highland Lake Prop LLC and Laukaitis, Jonathan to Sullivan, Lisa M, 2/2, \$293,000
57 Overlook Rd, Francis Jr, Philip S to Rosner, Meryl, 2/2, \$150,000
58 Main St, Winchester Rity Solin to Impetus Properties LLC, 1/31, \$230,000
173 Danbury Quarter Rd, Antonoff, Svetlana to Ehrman-Shapiro, Judith and Ehrman-Shapiro, Russell, 2/4, \$47,500

WINDHAM
27 Quarry St, Gaston, Stephanie to Allen, Autumn A, 2/1, \$151,500
112 Bridge St, US Bank NA to BD Asset Co 7 LLC, 2/2, \$95,000
134-R Club Rd, KKC Property Co LLC to 184 Club Road LLC, 1/31, \$1,150,000
184 Club Rd, KKC Property Co LLC to 184 Club Road LLC, 1/31, \$1,150,000
185 Club Rd, KKC Property Co LLC to 184 Club Road LLC, 1/31, \$1,150,000
210 Quarry St, Velasquez-Argueta, Milagro

and Velasquez, Anna A to Scott-Coday, Kevin A, 1/31, \$240,000

WINDSOR
2 Arrowbrook Rd, 2 Arrowbrook Road LLC to Murray, Naveed, 2/3, \$185,000
2 Kellogg St, Doyle Carolyn F Est and Daleb, Keith to Laughrey, Ann, 2/1, \$193,000
30 Merriman Rd, Kozbinski, Greg W to Sheahan, Deborah A, 2/1, \$475,000
44 Belmont Ave, Velasquez, David G to Mcleod, Paulette R and Mcleod, Paul A, 2/3, \$260,000
45 Pine Ln, Pender, Chris to Nasuta, Brian J, 2/1, \$213,000
77 Green Manor Ave, CIM REO 2021 NR1 LLC to Citylight Properties LLC, 2/2, \$150,100
106 Chandler Lot 106, Gaylord, Ronald T to Stubbs, Paul and Stubbs, Sarah W, 2/2, \$240,000
128 White Rock Dr, Sims, Cheryl to Mcclendon, Lotoya and Mcclendon, Qwentaya, 2/3, \$255,000
176 Conestoga St Lot 176, Piscitello, John to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$115,000
200 Great Pond Dr, Eip 200 Great Pond Drive to Milton 200 Great Pond Dr, 2/3, \$15,625,000
291 Conestoga St Lot 291, TPH Realty Assoc LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$125,000
309 Conestoga St Lot 309, Ola La Realty LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$135,000
331 Conestoga St Lot 331, TPH Realty Assoc LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$125,000
369 Phaeton St Lot 369, TPH Realty Assoc LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$125,000
391 Phaeton St Lot 391, TPH Realty Assoc LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$125,000
392 Phaeton St Lot 392, TPH Realty Assoc LLC to Teg RB Condos 2 LLC, 2/1, \$125,000
511 Old Village Cir, Village Builders LLC to Shields, Stephanie and Shields, Eric, 2/2, \$314,237

WINDSOR LOCKS
50 Glendale Cir, Abate, Debra L to Sanchez, Marilyn and Caban, Elsie, 2/1, \$195,000

WOLCOTT
15 Grilleey Rd, Wolcott Grilley Rity LLC to Blasius Jr, Frederick W, 1/31, \$800,000
35 Pratt Ln, Menoche, William W to Hurley, Michael G and Hurley, Alicia M, 1/31, \$450,000
119 Long Swamp Rd, Wells Fargo Bank NA to Kloc, Robert, 1/31, \$146,000
153 Longmeadow Dr, Iris, Jeanne to Pesantez, Joyce J and Dubay, Kyle W, 2/1, \$275,000
302 Central Ave, Hutt Barbara Est and Perillo, Nancy to Palmieri, Barbara, 1/31, \$278,000
363 Spindle Hill Rd, Gugliotti, Robert to Nawarskas, Joseph F, 1/31, \$315,000
905 Spindle Hill Rd, Your Home Choice LLC to Varrato, Taylor M, 1/31, \$300,000

WOODBIDGE
12 Jenick St, S Nagraja Rao RET and Rao, Sheila V to 12 Jenick Lane LLC, 1/31, \$380,000
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Getting a jump on the growing season

Starting your seeds indoors an option for eager gardeners

By Jessica Damiano
Associated Press

February marks the midpoint of winter, and with spring just over the horizon, many gardeners are dreaming of sunny days and dirty fingernails. For those looking to get a jump on the growing season, starting seeds indoors offers the most gratifying — and productive — option.

Before digging in, however, it's imperative to know exactly when to start, which means finding the last average frost date in your area. Consulting with your county's cooperative extension office should arm you with hyper-local guidance. Absent that, there are some good online calculators that will get you close.

I like the one provided by The National Gardening Bureau (garden.org/apps/frost-dates/). To use it, plug in your zip code and take note of the date in the field where the "10%" column intersects with the "Last 36-Degree" row. That represents the date when on average, there is only a 10 percent chance the temperature will drop below 36 degrees, meaning outdoor transplantation is a safe gamble.

Armed with the scientific knowledge that water freezes at 32 degrees, some will lament my conservative recommendation. They may even point to years past when they've successfully transplanted tender seedlings outdoors weeks earlier. But as someone who has been burned by a late frost, I'm here to tell you that patience is key. Remember, those dates are averages, and temperature extremes can fluctuate wildly from year to year, past luck notwithstanding.

Those gardening in horticultural zones higher than 9 can ignore this advice, as the southernmost parts of the continental U.S., as well as Puerto Rico and Hawaii, are considered frost-free (there, it's the heat of spring and summer that should be avoided).

The rest of us will need



Various vegetable seedlings mature indoors under lights to prepare them for the growing season. JESSICA DAMIANO/AP PHOTOS



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to do some math. Seed packets typically advise that seeds be started a set number of weeks before the last frost. After calculating your start date, which will be unique for each seed type, it's important to respect it. Start too soon, and plants likely will grow weak and struggle to thrive; start too late, and your

harvest will be delayed, sometimes even inhibited from reaching its full potential.

While you're waiting, obtain and prepare appropriate containers, which include multi-cell plug trays, individual biodegradable pots and recycled plastic yogurt containers. Each should have a drainage

hole poked in its bottom. If planning to reuse last year's vessels, be sure to disinfect them with a solution made by combining nine parts of water with ten parts of chlorine bleach and rinse.

Fill each container or compartment with a sterile, moist, soilless seed-starting mix and, depending on seed size, sow one to four

seeds per cell.

Place containers on a low-rimmed tray with no more than an inch of water, and monitor the soil's moisture as it absorbs water through drainage holes. Replenish water as needed to keep the soil from drying out or becoming soggy. Bottom watering in this manner avoids accidentally washing away seeds, and reduces the occurrence of fungal diseases.

Cover the cells tightly with plastic wrap or a humidity dome, and place them in a warm spot out of direct sunlight. Heating mats placed under the trays will hasten germination.

Be on the lookout for "damping off," a fungal disease that thrives in cool, damp, dark locations. If you spot a moldy, white layer on the soil's surface, scrape it off with a spoon and allow the soil to dry completely between waterings. If there is a recurrence, dispose of the soil and seeds, disinfect the containers and start over with clean gear.

One way to help avoid damping off, as well as mold and algae growth, is to direct the breeze of a small fan to the soil. Later, that fan will train tender seedlings to withstand wind — and they'll grow

sturdier in response.

When seedlings poke up, remove the dome or wrap, and place containers by a sunny window, or under fluorescent or LED grow lamps for 14 hours daily. Expensive lamp models aren't necessary; ordinary shop lights will do. Keep the light source no more than 2-4 inches above the plants, adjusting its height as the seedlings grow.

If multiple seedlings sprout in each container, clip the weakest at the soil line using manicure scissors, retaining only one sturdy plant per cell. If allowed to remain, the roots of multiple seedlings will become entangled and threaten the viability of the young plants.

A week before the last frost date, begin to "harden off" plants by placing them outdoors for incrementally longer periods each day. Place them in a shady spot protected from wind, leave them there for one hour, then bring them back indoors. Repeat the next day, but leave them out for two hours, and continue adding an hour of outdoor exposure each day for a week, at which time your plants will be acclimated and ready to be planted in the garden.

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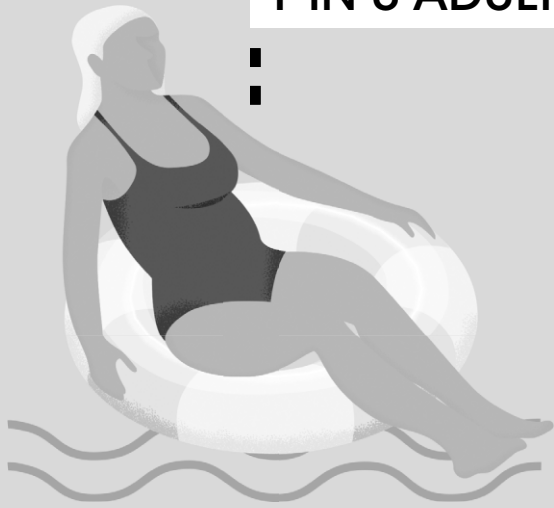
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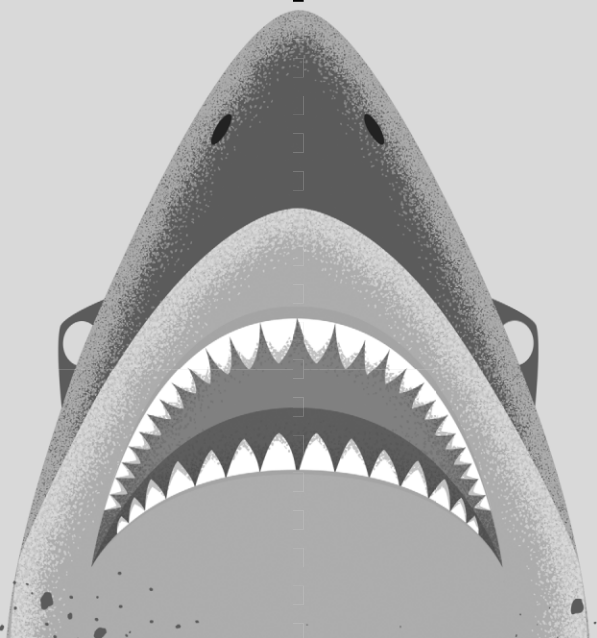
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ASK THE BUILDER

What’s the best heating system for your home?

By **Tim Carter**
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You might overhear several pickup truck owners bragging about how their Ford or Chevy truck is better than all the rest. It might even be a Ram or Toyota owner. The odds that any of them will convince the other to change brands are remote.

The same sort of debate has raged for years with HVAC contractors about what is the best heating system. I don’t know that there’s a definitive answer, but I’ve been fortunate to have enough experience with several systems that I can weigh in.

I grew up in Cincinnati. The homes built in the late 1800s in the Queen City almost all were heated with hot water or steam radiators. These houses were built long before air conditioning had been invented. Radiant heat is luxurious, and I currently enjoy it in my New Hampshire home. I’ll share more about this in a moment.

Some older homes had monster furnaces that worked on gravity. They’d heat up the air inside a giant round furnace and it would float up through metal ducts into the house. Since cold air is heavier, it would drop back down into the basement to be reheated by the wasteful burner. More modern houses transitioned to forced hot air with a blower pushing air up into the rooms. This same air handler would deliver cool air in the summer if you had an air conditioning system as well.

Forced-air systems offer lots of advantages for purifying the air in your home and adding humidity, should it be needed. For these systems to work best, the supply and return ductwork needs to be carefully sized and installed so



Attached to the wall are radiant heating distribution manifolds, where hot water enters and is sent through the smaller tubing to heat the floors. **TIM CARTER**

all rooms are comfortable.

I have a very good friend here in New Hampshire who heats with anthracite coal. He has two coal stoves and only uses the second when the temperature drops below zero for an extended time. One advantage to using coal is that he knows when it’s all delivered in the fall, he’ll never be cold at all in the winter. He has all his required fuel. If you’ve ever lost power and been cold, you know how well my friend sleeps at night. You can’t say that about me, as I depend on three propane deliveries per winter season to keep my tank full. Many of you may depend on natural gas to flow to your home each day. What happens if

there’s some national shortage of gas? How will you keep warm? The disadvantage to my friend’s archaic coal stove is it’s a little dusty in the house and he needs to feed it twice a day.

What about radiant floor heat? I have it in my home, and it’s quite possibly the best form of heating I’ve ever experienced. The entire floor of my basement is toasty warm. It’s magical to step out of a shower onto a warm tile floor. I have six different zones in my system, so I can save on fuel by using programmable thermostats to keep rooms in several zones cooler when I’m not in them.

You can also install radiant heat using sleek baseboard radiators if you can’t

afford to put the heating tubes under each floor in your home. My house has both radiant floor heating and these baseboard heaters. The plastic tubes that supply the heat to the radiators install just like electric cables. In just a few hours, two workers can easily run all the tubing for baseboard radiators in a modest home.

Modern boilers and forced-air furnaces have modulating technology. This means the burner works like the one on your gas or electric stove. When you cook, you can adjust the amount of heat so you can boil water on high heat or just apply enough heat to simmer a tasty gravy. The same thing happens when a

part of your house calls for heat. The boiler or furnace only produces enough heat to satisfy that demand no matter what it is. This saves energy, as less heat is sent outdoors with the exhaust gas when the burner is on low.

Perhaps the most basic heating system you can install is one that just uses electricity. Simple baseboard radiators or portable ones can be used for heating. There are no moving parts to speak of, but the downside is that electricity costs may be quite high where you live.

Heat pumps are electric heating systems, but they’re very complex machines. They do double duty as air conditioners in

the summer. Modern heat pumps are quite efficient — but, once again, electricity may be pricey where you live. What’s more, electricity is quite possibly the least reliable heating fuel that you can choose. The news is littered with stories at any time of year about hundreds of thousands of people without power when large storms damage power lines.

What am I going to do when I build my next home? I’m going to install radiant floor heating in the entire house and have a wood stove backup heating system. I’ll stock in enough dried oak firewood to provide a few months of heat should propane become scarce.

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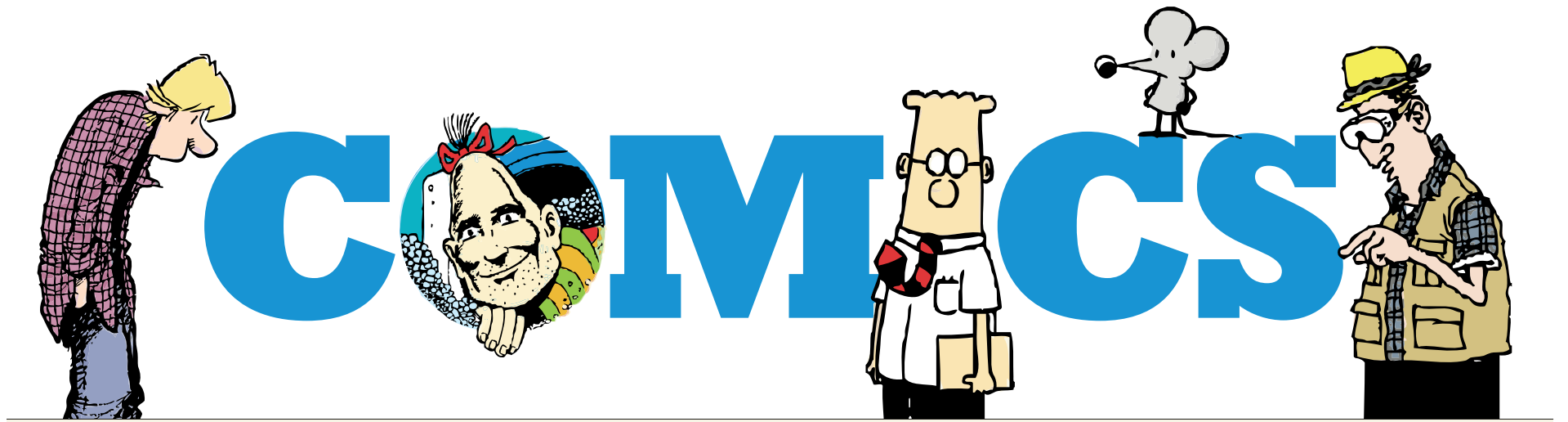
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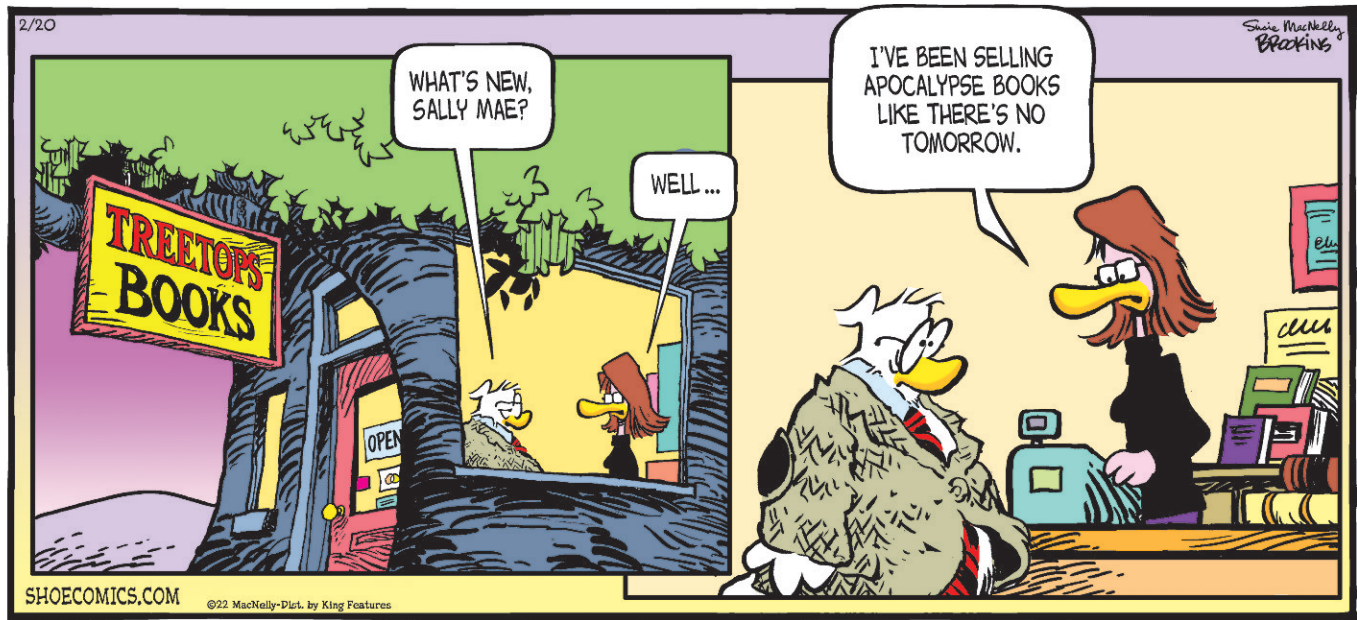
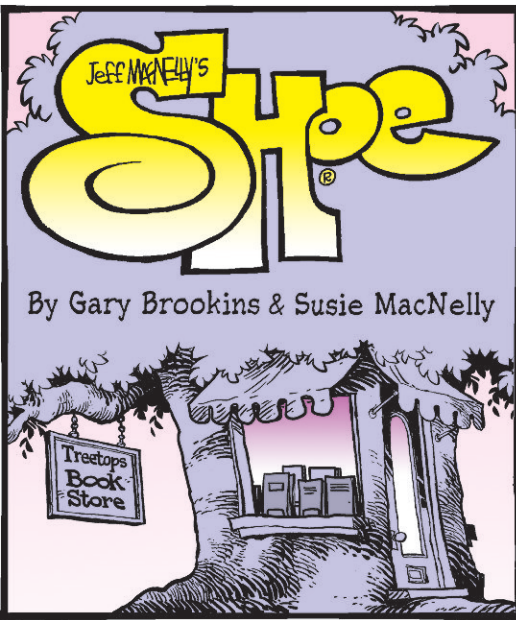
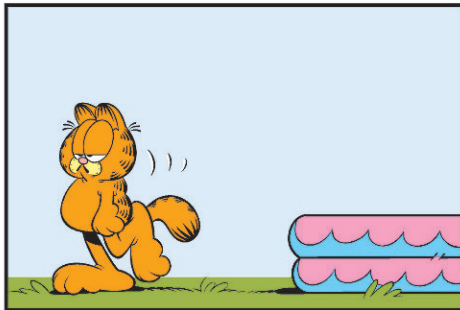
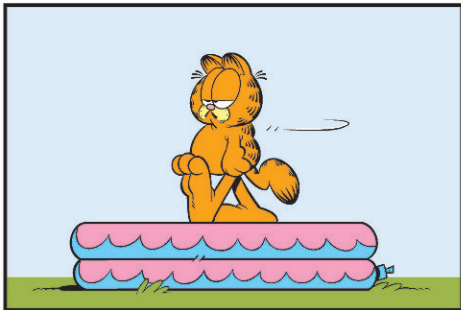
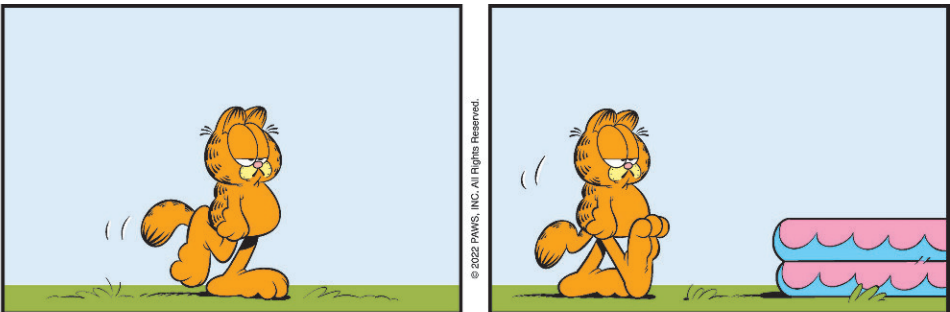
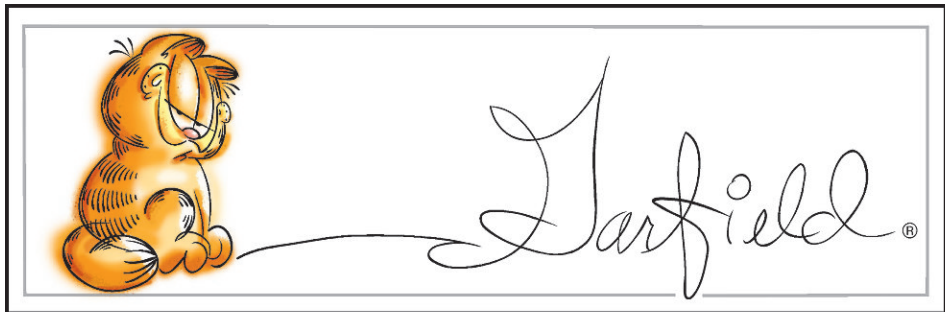
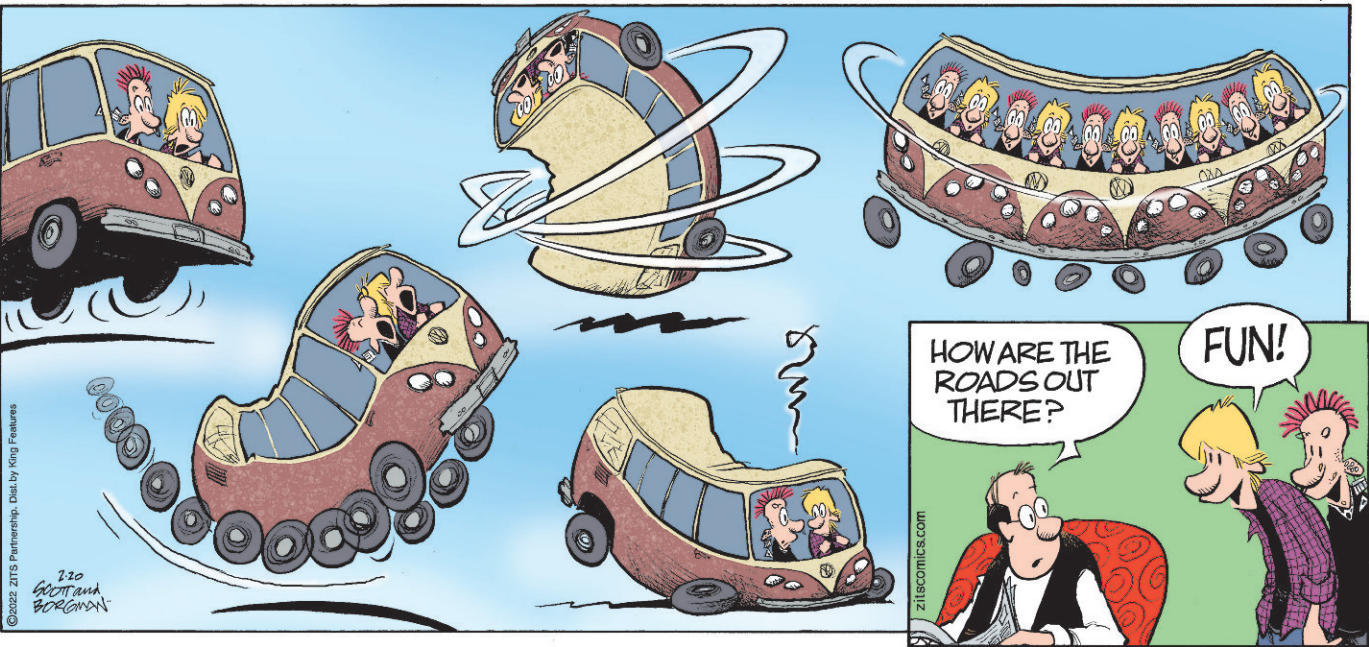
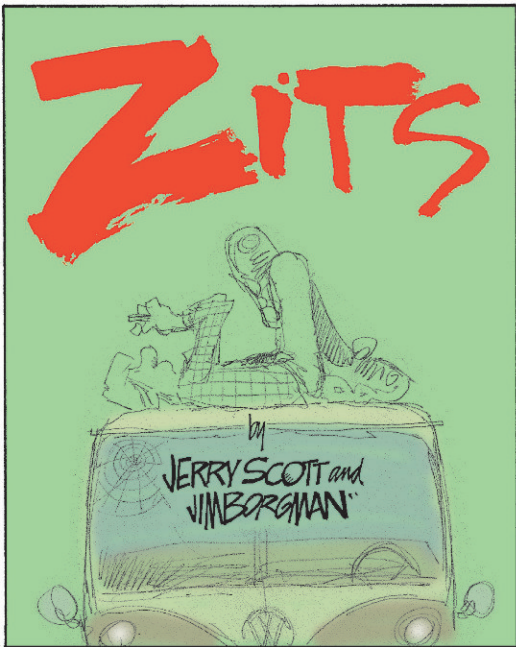
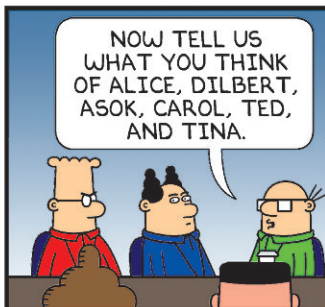
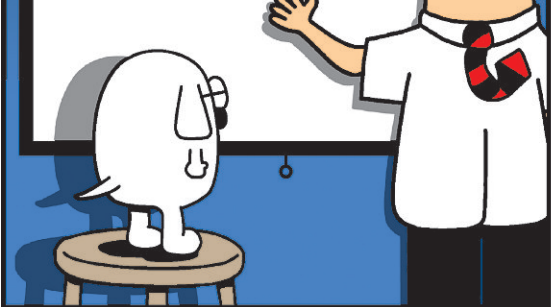
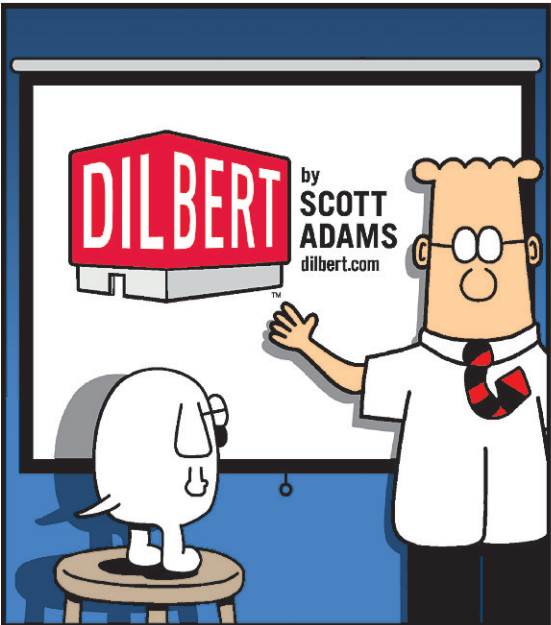
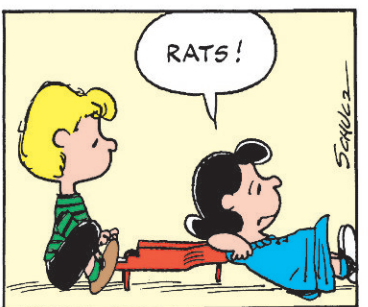
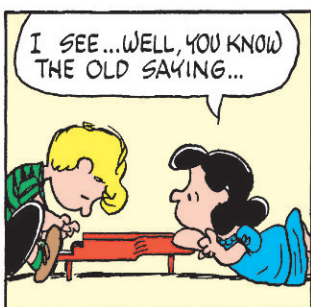
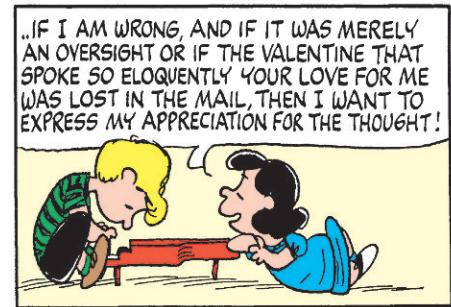
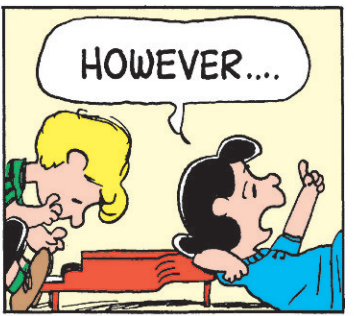
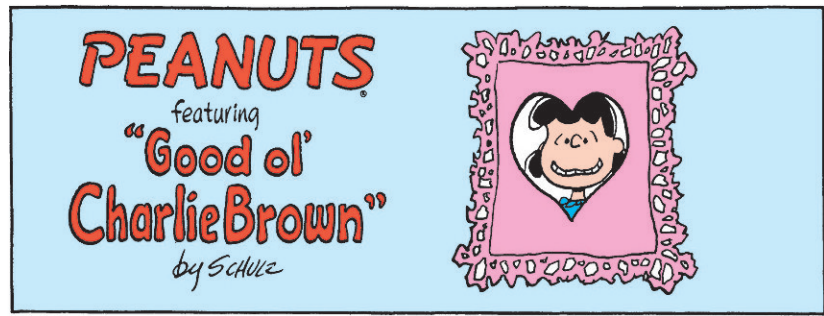
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JUMP START

Starring JOE & MARCY

By ROBB NEWSTROM

IN THIS DOJO, WE TREAT EACH OTHER WITH WHAT?

RESPECT!

BECAUSE THERE IS STRENGTH IN WHAT?

UNITY!

AND TRUE POWER IN WHAT?

MERCY!

AND WE ARE SUSTAINED BY WHAT?

COFFEE!

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By SYLVIA JOHNSON

...PERHAPS SHE'S A BIT YOUNG FOR HER OWN SCHOOL OF DENTAL FLOSS.

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

THAT WAS AWESOME!

TRULY SOME GOLDEN MOMENTS!

C'MON, PUT YOUR COATS ON.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

OUTSIDE TO CELEBRATE.

THAT WAS A GREAT OLYMPICS.

TOO BAD IT'S OVER.

NOT YET!

IT'S THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

THE FLAGSTON TEAM WAVES TO THE CROWD.

WE'LL SEE YOU IN 2026.

DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau

HEY, ALEX, IF I WERE TO FINALLY GET ON SOCIAL MEDIA...

WHICH SERVICE DO YOU THINK WOULD BE RIGHT FOR ME?

WELL, IT DEPENDS ON YOUR EMOTIONAL NEEDS, GRAM...

YOU JOIN FACEBOOK TO GET MISINFORMED AND ANGRY...

BUT INSTAGRAM IS ALL ABOUT ENVY. TIKTOK IS ABOUT SHOWING OFF, AND TWITTER IS FOR SNARK AND SELF-PROMOTION.

UM... I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT DO I GET OUT OF ALL THAT?

BEST CASE? THE APPROVAL OF STRANGERS.

YOU DON'T WANT ME ON SOCIAL MEDIA, DO YOU?

WHAT CAN I TELL YOU? I LOVE YOU.

FRAZZ

BY JEF MALLETT

MY GRANDPA'S GOT A BIG BIRTHDAY COMING UP.

ROUND NUMBER?

AND NOT JUST ANY ROUND NUMBER,

BUT THE FIRST ONE WHERE BOTH DIGITS ARE TRULY ROUND.

10 NO STRAIGHT LINES AND NO POINT.

20 30

40 50

60

HOW'S HE TAKING IT?

HE WAS A LITTLE MOPEY.

BUT NOT ABOUT ALL 60 YEARS SO MUCH AS THESE PAST TWO.

NOW HE'S JUST DETERMINED TO GET BACK TO LIVING A FULL, ACTIVE LIFE WITHOUT MESSING IT UP FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

SO MUCH FOR NO POINT.

THEN HE STARTED GOING ON ABOUT A 65-69 BQ, WHATEVER THAT IS.

THUMPITY THUMP THUMP

HA HA HA

I'LL BE BACK AGAIN SOMEDAY.

THUMPITY THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

THAT'S MY SHTORY AND I'M SHTICKING TO IT.

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

RENE BELLUSO ARRIVES AT THE MEETING.

MY LAWYER AND I ARE EAGER TO GET THIS SETTLED. NOW, WHAT IS YOUR OFFER?

WE ARE HERE TO SETTLE THIS, MR. BELLUSO -- BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE AN OFFER.

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY MEAN THAT!

THERE'S NO QUESTION I HAVE BEEN WRONGED HERE.

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, MR. BELLUSO. WE HAVE SOMEONE ELSE WE'D LIKE TO HAVE JOIN US FOR THE MEETING.

YOU KNOW SONNY THORSON, OF COURSE.

HIYA, MR. B'LUSSO!

gulp...

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

MOTHER GOOSE GRIMM

HMM...A FORTUNE COOKIE

IT SAYS "LOOK OUT FOR A GOOD YEAR"

BOY...WHAT A STUPID FORTUNE

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

AND NOW A MESSAGE FROM THIS COMIC STRIP'S CREATOR, STEPHAN PASTIS...



MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT CARTOONISTS HAVE TO SUBMIT THEIR SUNDAY STRIPS WEEKS IN ADVANCE. THAT MAKES IT HARD TO BE TOPICAL.



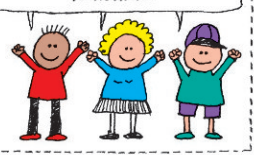
FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY'S STRIP WAS DRAWN ON JANUARY 8. AND WHEN I DREW IT, I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WOULD BE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD TODAY.



SO PLEASE HELP BY PICKING THE MOST APT PANEL BELOW AND TOSSING THE REST.



OPTION 1
THE PANDEMIC'S OVER AND OUR LIVES CAN RETURN TO NORMAL.



OPTION 2
THE VIRUS IS WORSE THAN EVER AND EVERYTHING IS BAD.



OPTION 3
THINGS ARE OKAY NOW BUT WILL SOON GET WORSE BECAUSE WE'RE STUCK IN AN ENDLESS GHOULIE LOOP!!



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. PLEASE DON'T PICK 3! PLEASE DON'T PICK 3!...



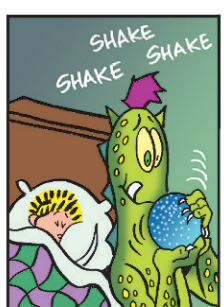
ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

OH, MY... WHAT IS THIS FASCINATING OBJECT?



SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE



I'VE CREATED A BLIZZARD.



IT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE, TOO.



GASP



I'M A CLIMATE WIZARD!



CLOSET MONSTERS SCARE KIDS... WE CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER BY SHAKING A SNOW GLOBE!



LOOK OUT THE WINDOW, PAPA!



Non Sequitur

by Wiley



A NAHR-EASTAH STRANDED US SOMEWHERE OFF MY CHARTS. I NOTICED FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND AND DECIDED TO FOLLOW 'EM



THEAH WAS SOMEONE JUST SITTING UNDAH A TREE. HE LOOKED FAMILIAH.

THEN IT HIT ME...

...WINNIE THE POOH?



I TOLD HIM HE'S A LOT BIGGAH THAN I IMAGINED. HE SAID THINGS AH DIFF'RENT NON THAT HE'S IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, THEN HE SAID HE WAS VERY HUNGRY AND ASKED IF I COULD HELP HIM GET HIS FAVORITE SNACK DOWN FROM THE TREE.

LET ME GUESS... A BEEHIVE FULL OF HONEY, RIGHT?

NO... SOMETHING I'VE FOUND MUCH MORE SATISFYING NOW...



...DISNEY ATTORNEYS



I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE TO LOVE POOH BEAH EVEN MORE

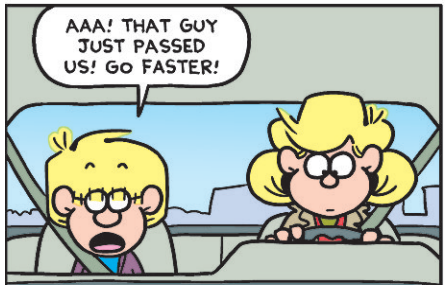
POOH MAGIC NEVAH ENDS



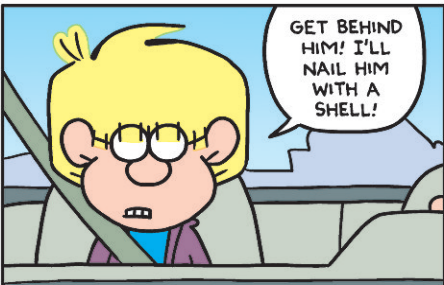
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FoxTrot

AAA! THAT GUY JUST PASSED US! GO FASTER!



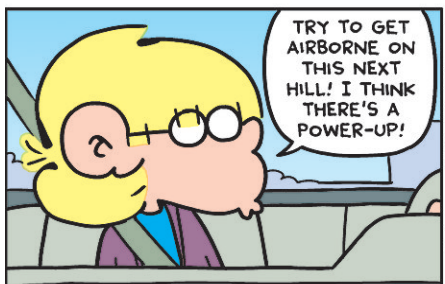
GET BEHIND HIM! I'LL NAIL HIM WITH A SHELL!



WHY AREN'T YOU DRIFTING?! YOU HAVE TO DRIFT ON THESE TURNS!

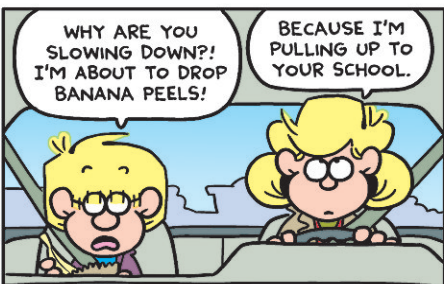


TRY TO GET AIRBORNE ON THIS NEXT HILL! I THINK THERE'S A POWER-UP!



WHY ARE YOU SLOWING DOWN?! I'M ABOUT TO DROP BANANA PEELS!

BECAUSE I'M PULLING UP TO YOUR SCHOOL.



OK, SEE YOU AT 3:00. ALSO, "MOMIO KART" WOULD BE A LOT MORE FUN IF YOU PLAYED ALONG.

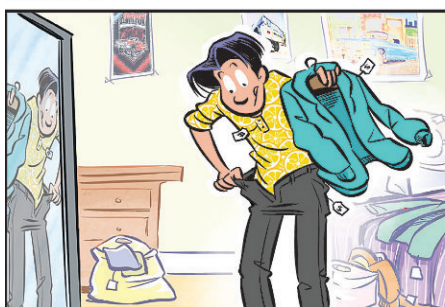
I'D LIKE TO STEER CLEAR OF PRISON, THANKS.



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BALDO

TRY TO GET AIRBORNE ON THIS NEXT HILL! I THINK THERE'S A POWER-UP!



WHY ARE YOU SLOWING DOWN?! I'M ABOUT TO DROP BANANA PEELS!

BECAUSE I'M PULLING UP TO YOUR SCHOOL.



IT'S NO USE.

NO MATTER WHAT I DO...

I STILL LOOK AN AWFUL LOT LIKE ME.

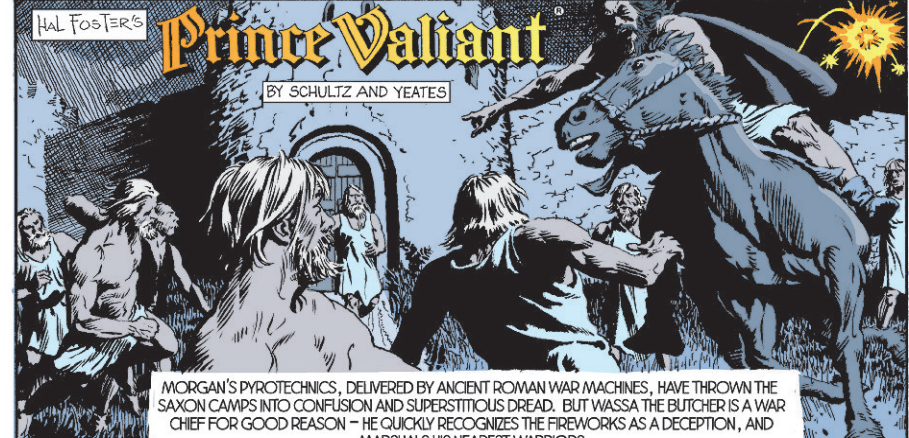


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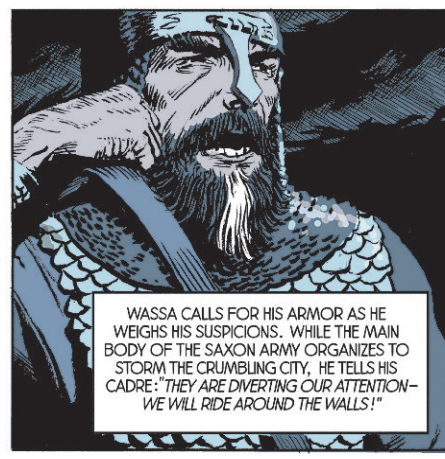
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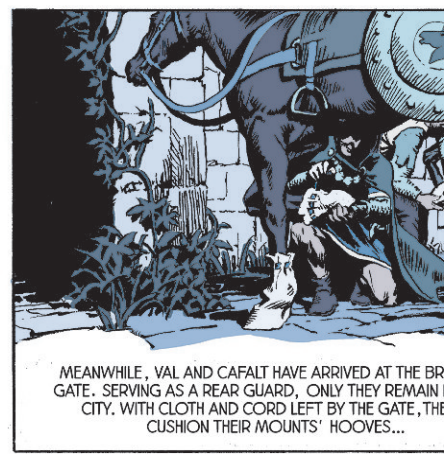
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WASSA CALLS FOR HIS ARMOR AS HE WEIGHS HIS SUSPICIONS. WHILE THE MAIN BODY OF THE SAXON ARMY ORGANIZES TO STORM THE CRUMBLING CITY, HE TELLS HIS CADRE: "THEY ARE DIVERTING OUR ATTENTION - WE WILL RIDE AROUND THE WALLS!"



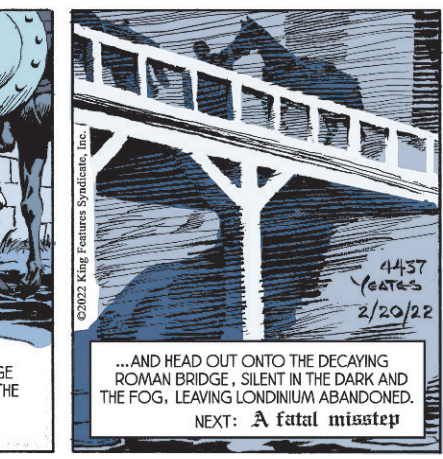
MEANWHILE, VAL AND CAFALT HAVE ARRIVED AT THE BRIDGE GATE. SERVING AS A REAR GUARD, ONLY THEY REMAIN IN THE CITY. WITH CLOTH AND CORD LEFT BY THE GATE, THEY CUSHION THEIR MOUNTS' HOOVES...



"THE BRITONS ARE MISLEADING US!" WASSA CRIES. INDEED, THE DEFENDERS OF LONDINIUM ARE AT THAT MOMENT EVACUATING THE DOOMED CITY, MOVING UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, WITH HOOVES AND FOOTFALL MUFFLED, OVER THE RIVER BRIDGE.

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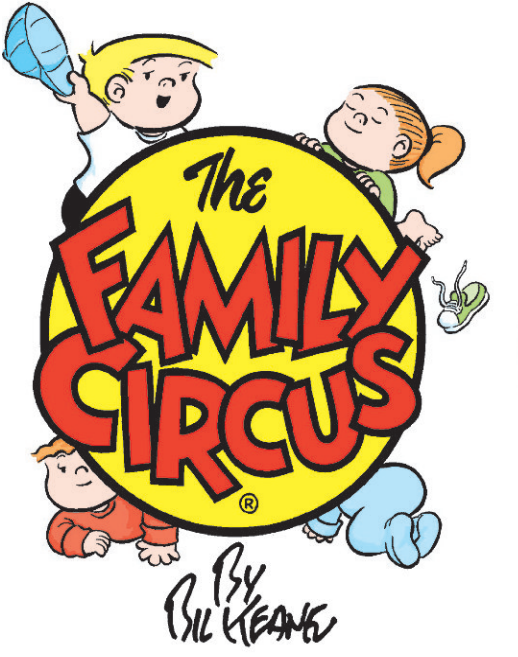
...AND HEAD OUT ONTO THE DECAYING ROMAN BRIDGE, SILENT IN THE DARK AND THE FOG, LEAVING LONDINIUM ABANDONED. NEXT: A fatal misstep



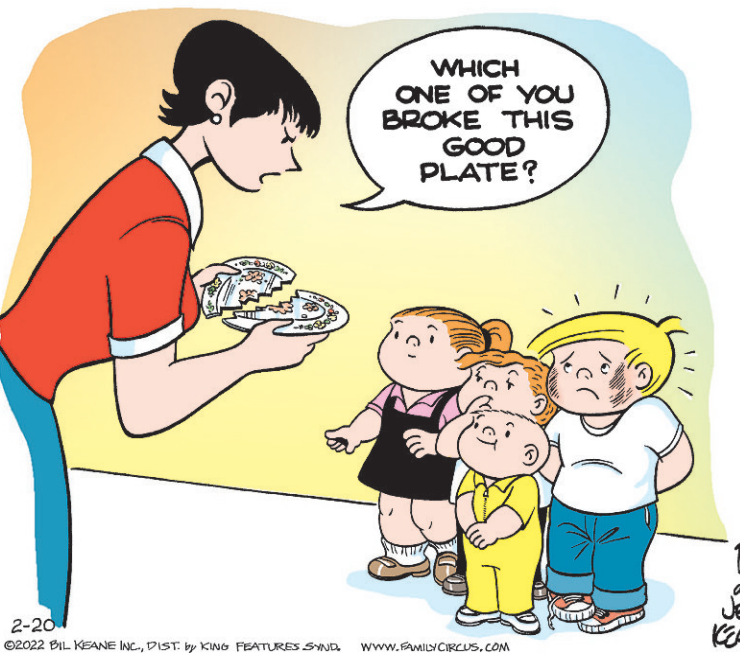
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WHICH ONE OF YOU BROKE THIS GOOD PLATE?



HOW DID SHE KNOW IT WAS ME? MOMMIES MUST BE MIND READERS!



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I'M READY TO CHECK OUT

OH, THANK GOODNESS. THAT WAS WAY TOO MUCH TIME ALONE WITH MY THOUGHTS

ZIPPERY

SERF CITY!!

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SERF'S UP!

SERFING THE NET

CHANNEL SERFING

BLONDIE

BY SEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

DEAR, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FORGOT TO PUT THE CHICKEN IN THE OVEN WHILE I WAS OUT

HUH! OH, SORRY, HONEY

I'LL SEE WHAT ELSE I CAN COME UP WITH FOR DINNER

AFTER THE BALLGAME WAS OVER, I DECIDED TO HAVE A QUICK CATNAP

I ATE A BIG TURKEY SANDWICH, AND I GUESS IT MADE ME SLEEPY

ONCE MY HEAD HIT THE PILLOW, I WAS A GONER...

HONEY, DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?

BLONDIE?!

WHAT A WASTE OF SOME PERFECTLY GOOD ALIBIS!!

MONTY

CLICK FEEEEEEKK!

NO... NO!...

SMASH SMASH SMASH

AAAAHHH!

STEP STEP STEP STEP

DON'T GO INTO THE BASEMENT... DON'T GO... DON'T...

NEXT TIME YOU WATCH A HORROR MOVIE, I'D RECOMMEND YOU SWITCH OFF THE SURROUND SOUND...

MARY WORTH

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AND IF YOU LOSE, IT WASN'T ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE... IT WAS ABOUT NOT PLAYING THE GAME.

SO, EVEN IF I WIN... I'M SCREWED.

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KILLING IT

Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh on the thrilling final season of *Killing Eve*

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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

MARK RYLANCE

The versatile actor, an Oscar winner for *Bridge of Spies* and recently part of the ensemble of the Netflix movie *Don't Look Up*, now heads the gripping thriller *The Outfit* (in theaters March 18).

Rylance, 62, plays Leonard, a British tailor transplanted to Chicago, where he operates a shop in a rough part of town and runs afoul of a dangerous group of mobsters.

What was the appeal of *The Outfit*? It has an old-fashioned 1950s style to it that is dependent on the storytelling and the ensemble of actors. It has twists and turns you don't expect. It all takes place within three rooms. If I hadn't been offered the part, I would have wanted to go see it.

Describe your character, Leonard. He's a Londoner who worked on Savile Row. At some point he moved to Chicago and set up his own men's haberdashery shop and built up a clientele. Tailoring is a particular artistry that takes quite a while to learn and apprentice, and that's Leonard.

You also have *Don't Look Up* on Netflix, a satire addressing environmental issues. Do you think movies can move people to action? I do think that violent films that

don't show any of the consequences of violence have a particular brutalizing effect, and I think films that show compassion and mercy, and the effect of love in people's lives, have a very positive effect. I am not sure we as storytellers can control the effect our stories have, but I do think they have an effect.

How did your fondness for hats start? When I was in Milwaukee in the '70s [after emigrating from England to the U.S. with his family], we used to love going to all the secondhand clothing shops there and in Chicago. There were these fantastic hats. And then there were the Blues Brothers; but I got into it at that time because there were such beautiful hats available. I've always worn them.

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A LAW & ORDER REUNION

When the flagship procedural *Law & Order* returns (Feb. 24 on NBC), we'll get reacquainted with **Sam Waterston** as District Attorney Jack McCoy and **Anthony Anderson** as Detective Kevin Bernard, and we'll meet **Jeffrey Donovan** as a new detective, Hugh Dancy as an assistant DA and **Camryn Manheim** as Lt. Kate Dixon, a successor to the character played previously by S. Epatha Merkerson. Manheim, 60, is no stranger to *L&O*, having guest starred three times during its 20-year run. "Talk about coming full circle," she says. "My first acting job on television was on *Law & Order*. To come back and join this iconic show is a dream come true."

AMERICAN IDOL TURNS 20!

It doesn't seem that long ago that Kelly Clarkson won the first season of *American Idol*, but when the singing competition returns (Feb. 27 on ABC), it will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Returning with a new season of *Idol* hopefuls will be judges Luke Bryan, **Katy Perry** and Lionel Richie, along with host Ryan Seacrest. "We're guiding them and supporting them and giving them all of this knowledge that we've been able to cultivate over the decades," says Perry, 37. "I think we really, really care because we've been in their shoes. We want to set them up for success." Go to [Parade.com/idol](https://www.parade.com/idol) to find out what changes are being made to the show this season.



HONEST ABE!

Graham Sibley, 45, is the latest actor to take on the role of the 16th president of the United States, in the three-night miniseries ***Abraham Lincoln*** (Feb. 20 on History), which premieres just ahead of Presidents Day. Here's a tip of the top hat to other actors who've played the Great Emancipator.



WILL FORTE *The Lego Movie* (2014)



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BILLY CAMPBELL National Geographic Channel's *Killing Lincoln* (2013)

DANIEL DAY-LEWIS *Lincoln* (2012)

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GREGORY PECK The CBS miniseries *The Blue and the Gray* (1982)

HAL HOLBROOK The NBC miniseries *Lincoln* (1974-76) and ABC's *North and South* (1985)

RAYMOND MASSEY *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* (1940)

HENRY FONDA *Young Mr. Lincoln* (1939)

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“The world’s longest-living people have one thing in common: They garden,” says **Jeff Hughes**, personal trainer and co-host of **GardenFit** (March 21 on PBS), which follows Hughes and expert gardener **Madeline Hooper** across the country to farms and gardens, offering advice on how to sustain your body while maintaining your plants. “Gardening is engaging with nature; it’s artistic, emotionally satisfying and good exercise,” he says. For small spaces (and instant results with less work), Hooper is a big fan of container gardening: “You can have a mature garden look without having to shovel any dirt.” To plan your own garden, check out our tips here. —*Megan O’Neill Melle*



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CONTAINERS 101



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DRAINAGE IS KEY Make sure the container has enough holes at the bottom. In addition, you can fill the pot about a fifth of the way with pebbles for a drainage layer, followed with lightly pressed soil, leaving about 2 inches to the rim once the plant is placed.

TRY A BASKET A great low-cost option for herbs or salad greens, baskets can be prepared with moss to retain water or lined with a lightweight plastic bag with holes cut into it.

CALCULATE YOUR LIGHT People tend to overestimate the amount of sun their containers get. Before choosing plants, time the sun exposure in your chosen pot location.

SIZING AND SOIL Hooper stresses consulting with your local nursery about the right-size container (so roots can develop properly) and the best soil mix for each plant.



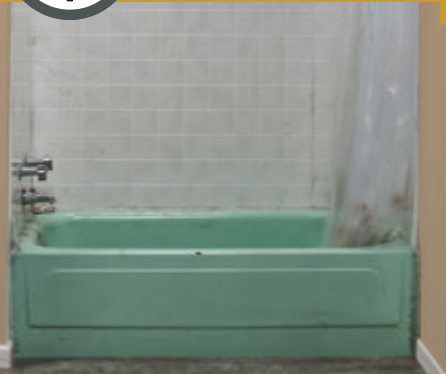
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One of TV's hottest shows began in a tiny, sparsely decorated office in Burbank, Calif. That's where *Killing Eve* co-stars-to-be Sandra Oh and Jodie Comer met for the first time.

"I remember it exactly!" Oh says of their initial pairing in 2017. "The room was completely empty and the size of a small child's bedroom. [Comer] came in with a wheeled suitcase looking a little lost. I said, 'Oh, you must be Jodie!'"

Oh had already signed on to the series, and now Comer, a young Brit who had just arrived in L.A. from Barcelona, was gearing up to try out. The two huddled together in front of a nearby laptop, video-conferenced with the London-based producers and read a few key scenes together.

Comer got the job two weeks later. "Sandra was so warm and generous,"

she says. "I came away feeling like I [had done] this incredible acting workshop. What we had together was so great." Oh adds, "There was chemistry."

That connection between the two stars helped make *Killing Eve* a compulsively watchable, Emmy-winning international smash. A cat-and-mouse tour de force, the series chronicles a British intelligence officer, Eve Polastri (Oh), and her pursuit of a psychopathic Russian assassin (Comer) who goes by the name Villanelle. They ultimately develop a dangerous mutual obsession, and by the end of season three they vow to go their separate ways.

"It's really a portrait of two women trying to be whole," Oh says. "And along the way they discover that trying to be whole has something to do with each other."

For *Killing Eve*'s fourth and final season (premiering Feb. 27 on BBC America and AMC+ and the next night on AMC), the characters take charge of their lives as they plot to defeat a shady organization ("The Twelve") spreading chaos. "Eve has actively



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KILLING

***Killing Eve* co-stars Sandra Oh and Jodie Comer on the chemistry that makes their groundbreaking thriller such a hit and the fun of putting a female spin on the spy game. By Mara Reinstein**

changed," Oh says. "She's ready and willing to go outside the system she's depended on to defeat the Twelve."

As for Eve's nemesis, Comer says that Villanelle "has been told she's a monster, and she's desperate to prove people wrong. She goes to church, and she's determined to be good." But, she adds, "You probably know how that will end."

AN ELECTRIC EXPERIENCE

Nearly five years after their initial meeting, the two are back on video screens for Zoom interviews with *Parade*. Oh, 50, is enjoying a sunny afternoon in Los Angeles; Comer, 28, checks in from her London home where, she groans, "it gets pitch-black at, like, 4:45 p.m." They haven't seen each other since the show wrapped in November. "It was always enjoyable for us," Comer says. "And for the characters, being together created an electricity."

Comer felt the surge of current as soon as she read that very first episode. "I couldn't put the script down," she says. "It made me laugh and really surprised me. It was weird in a wonderful way, and there was something fresh that people hadn't seen before. I loved that Villanelle was so unapologetic about who she was."

Oh adds that when the show premiered in the spring of 2018 at the height of the #TimesUp movement, "there was an opening in the industry for stories about women. It was a great time for us." Indeed, the series featured a top-down female perspective, as different women were running the show behind the scenes—including Phoebe Waller-Bridge, the creator and star of another award-winning hit series, *Fleabag*, and Emerald



OH, SO GOOD! (Clockwise from top left) Before starring in *Sideways* (2004) as a sommelier, Oh was personal assistant Rita Wu on the HBO comedy *Arliss* (1996–2002). She was beloved as Dr. Cristina Yang on ABC's Emmy-winning *Grey's Anatomy* (2005–14), and in Netflix's *The Chair* (2021–), Oh plays the first woman of color to head a prestigious university's English department.

Fennell, who would go on to write and direct the Oscar-nominated movie *Promising Young Woman*.

Eve took off in a hurry, with critics and fans flocking to catch its dynamite spin on a traditionally alpha-male genre. Ratings grew with every episode, which no television series had achieved in more than a decade. Comer won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series in 2019; Oh was Emmy-nominated and in 2019 hosted both *Saturday Night Live*—only the third Asian woman to do so in its storied history—and the Golden Globes (with Andy Samberg).

For *Killing Eve's* final episodes, they filmed exclusively in

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HIT LIST

KILLING EVE'S OH AND COMER REFLECT ON THEIR FAVORITE THINGS.



Casablanca

Billy Elliot



TV Show to Binge

"*The Wire*. It's so magnificent, and I feel smarter watching it."

"*In My Skin*, which is a phenomenal Welsh BBC drama."

Book on the Nightstand



"I'm looking at an old copy of Harper's. I'm a magazine person."



"*The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken*. It's prep for my play."

Song to Belt Out in the Car

"Chandelier" by Sia

"That Don't Impress Me Much" by Shania Twain

Food Always in Your Pantry

"Rice."



"Eggs. We don't put eggs in the fridge in England. That's an American thing."

Favorite Spot to Vacay

Barcelona



Venice



What's Cooking?



"Pesto pasta made from scratch. I get the basil leaves and the seared scallops and asparagus."

"I make a really good chicken curry."



Hometown Memory

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"The people in Liverpool have a very wicked sense of humor. And wherever you go, there will always be someone who wishes you to have a good day."

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London. “We were very aware we were shooting the final season and approached it with a lot of care and open-heartedness,” Oh says. “And part of the process was me trying to let it go.”

Comer points to a moment when she saw Oh as Eve for one of the final times. “I became so overcome. Like, I can’t believe all the incredible people we’ve met and all the experiences we’ve had together over these five years. It was really moving.”



COMING UP COMER
(Clockwise from top left) In 2019, Comer played Rey’s mother in *Star Wars: Episode IX—The Rise of Skywalker*. In 2021, she was noblewoman Marguerite de Carrouges in *The Last Duel* and Millie in *Free Guy* with **Ryan Reynolds**.

DRAMA GIRLS

Similar to their characters, Oh and Comer both blossomed into their careers as outsiders. Oh is the middle child of a biochemist mom and businessman dad who emigrated from South Korea to the United States to Ottawa, Canada, in the 1960s. Academia, not acting, runs in her family. “Asking why I was picked to do this is a very spiritual question,” says Oh. “From the very beginning, I was very lucky to be born knowing what I wanted to do and have spent my life honing my craft.”

She attended the National Theatre School in Canada, then got her first break in 1993 when she was cast in the Canadian TV movie *The Diary of Evelyn Lau*. Two years later, just before her 24th birthday, she moved to Los Angeles to appear in an independent film. The actress says that her good fortune soon struck again when she landed a part in the HBO comedy *Arli\$\$*. It aired for seven seasons through 2002. “I want to say that I had a typical L.A. experience except that it wasn’t, because it wasn’t that difficult for me,” she says.

Acting gigs might have come easy, but life in the spotlight was tougher. First, Oh had a standout turn as a sommelier in the 2004 Oscar-winning wine-country comedy *Sideways* (directed by her then-husband, Alexander Payne). Less than six months later, she made her debut on a sudsy medical drama

called *Grey's Anatomy*. Among an ensemble of wide-eyed doctors, her character of surgical intern Cristina Yang, who works her way up to chief medical officer and director of cardiothoracic surgery, was the confident and no-nonsense voice of reason. The performance led to five Emmy nominations and, at the show's height, more than 20 million people watched her every Thursday night.

It was a rush unlike anything she'd felt before. "It's very challenging to describe the immense change that happens when one becomes famous," the naturally private Oh says. "You have to say goodbye to something that you used to know, and it's very emotional." Plus, the definition of success takes on new meaning. "The loss of anonymity as a person and as an actor has consequences. For me, it became isolating." She left *Grey's Anatomy* in 2014, and "it's an unfortunate no" when asked about a potential return.

As Oh was making her TV debut in the '90s, Comer had just been born. Like her co-star, the Liverpool, England, native was destined to perform. "I was so in tune with my emotions at a very young age," she says. "I was always doing impressions at home and was a very confident and dramatic child."

She went to a theater school that offered instruction in singing, dancing and acting. Her drama teacher tipped her off that a local playwright was searching for a girl to play

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the lead in a BBC radio play. "She drove me to the audition, and I got it!" Comer says. She was 12.

The actress jokes that her parents, Donna and Jimmy, wanted to pop champagne every time she snared a role. These days, "they're like, 'Oh, that's great, babe.' They're used to it!"

And no wonder. Her past year in Hollywood has been especially amazing, with roles in *Free Guy* (for which she used an American accent to play a video game coder) and in Ridley Scott's *The Last Duel*. Still, "I don't think the feeling of 'This will be my last job' ever goes away," she says. "There's a constant fear, which I don't think is a bad thing because it means you're stepping out of your comfort zone in a new way. You never want to feel too comfortable."



Oh and Comer with *Killing Eve*'s Fiona Shaw (MI6 operative Carolyn Martens) and Kim Bodnia (Villanelle's handler Konstantin Vasiliev)

FROM KILLING TO CHILLING

So, what now? Oh has been doing animated voice work and waiting on word on a second season of *The Chair*, the Netflix dramedy in which she plays the beleaguered head of the English department of a fictional Northeastern university. Comer is readying to do the one-woman play *Prima Facie*, about a criminal barrister, in London's West End.

Both actresses, however, insist that their long-term goal is to go from *Killing* to chilling.

"This is something I've asked Sandra about," says Comer, who dates American lacrosse player James Burke. "How does she navigate her personal life when you're being called away for work. How do you balance that?" Oh says when she turned 50 last July, she took a long look at her aspirations: "When you're a young actress, your big goal is to have three auditions a week. But then there comes a time in your life when you just want to slow down and see your friends. My priorities have shifted."

And some of that downtime includes reflecting on the legacy of their pioneering show. "It's the kind of show with a certain quirk that you could never put in a box," Comer says. "That's why fans are so invested and passionate and have their own theories about how it will end. I hope they're satisfied."

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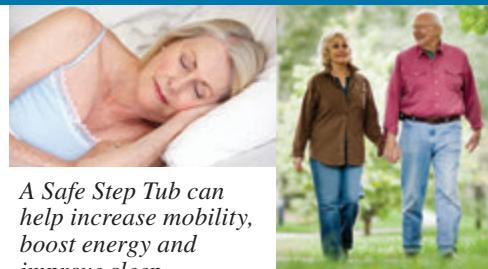
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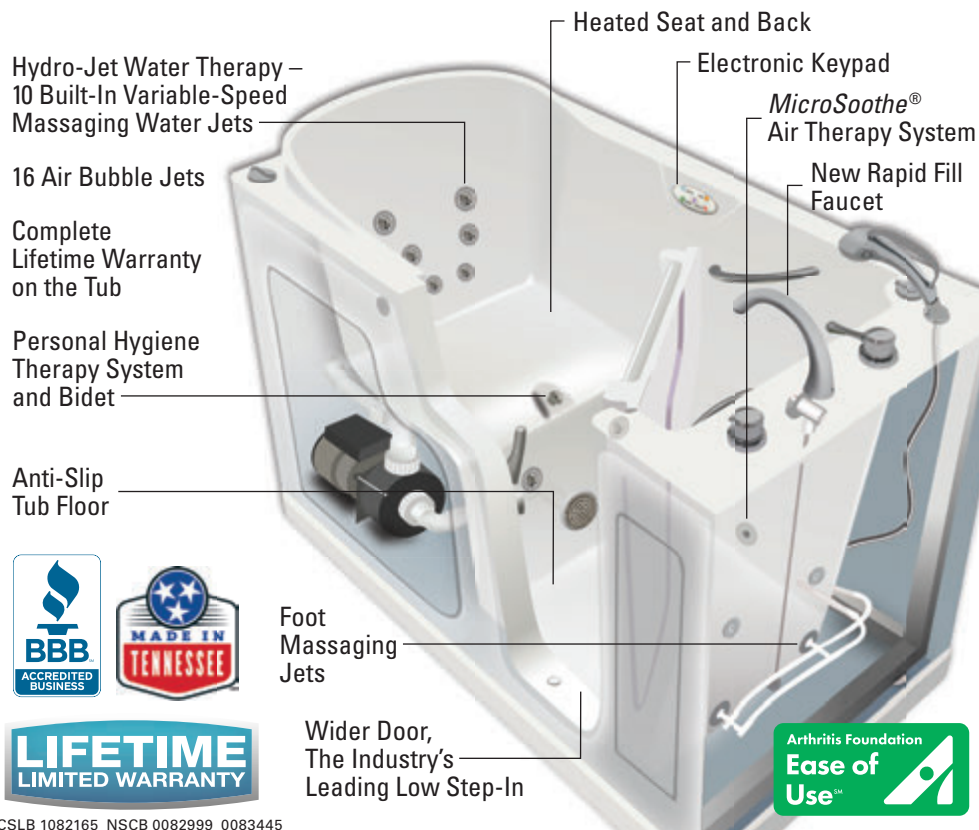


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BUTTER CHICKEN WITH SPINACH

Butter chicken is a popular Indian dish that features a mild tomato-based sauce enriched with butter. Serve over cooked basmati rice or with naan bread. The sauce is just as good on shrimp, tofu, cauliflower or paneer cheese (Indian cheese available in some grocery stores or online). It's also good as a marinade, on pizza or tossed with pasta.

Cut 1½ lb **skinless, boneless chicken** (breast and/or thighs) into bite-size pieces. Season chicken with **salt** and **black pepper** to taste.

In a skillet over medium-high, heat 2 Tbsp **canola oil**. Add chicken; cook 5–7 minutes or until browned on all sides.

Set aside 1 Tbsp from 1 (12.5-oz) jar **butter masala sauce** (such as Maya Kaimal). Stir remaining sauce into chicken. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low; cook 10 minutes or until chicken is done.

Increase heat to medium. Stir in 1 (5-oz) pkg **baby spinach**; simmer until wilted. Transfer to a serving dish. In a small bowl, whisk ¼ cup **plain yogurt** and reserved butter masala sauce. Drizzle over chicken. If desired, serve with **lemon wedges**.
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By Marilyn vos Savant

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—Ed Rosencranz, Rochester, Minn.

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TUMMY TROUBLES 411

Whether you ate something that disagreed with you or have a bug, GI distress is real—and annoying. Here's what you need to know, with advice from Cleveland Clinic gastroenterologist Christine Lee, M.D. *By Lambeth Hochwald*

SYMPTOM/WHAT MIGHT BE WRONG

DIARRHEA

Repeat visits to the bathroom may occur if you ate expired food or unwashed produce—or it could be a sign of a viral or bacterial infection, Lee says. “When we see patients with diarrhea, we want to know when it started and how long it has been ongoing,” she says. “If it clears in one or two days and you don’t have other symptoms, like fever, runny nose, sore throat or cough, it’s most likely something you ate. If it lasts longer than that, we need to find out why.”

CONSTIPATION

Having trouble pooping may stem from a low-fiber diet, lack of exercise and not drinking enough water or from travel or taking certain medications, including antidepressants. “I ask patients whether it comes and goes or if it’s happening all the time,” Lee says. “There are so many causes of constipation.”

GAS

Swallowing air while eating, drinking carbonated beverages or chewing gum can cause gas, Lee says. A buildup of gas can lead to fullness, pressure, cramps and belly pain.



INDIGESTION/REFLUX

If you’re suffering from heartburn, nausea, chronic cough or a hoarse voice, it could be gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). This can be temporary or occur only when you’re stressed, perhaps from a job change, a move or a divorce. “No matter the cause, if you have GERD, your stomach acid is in a place it’s not supposed to be—it’s going up to your esophagus,” Lee says. “Often, your stress level is what pushes your stomach pumps into overdrive and throws acid up.”

WHAT TO DO

If possible, let it happen, Lee says. “We’re not fans of OTC remedies that stop diarrhea from occurring. We want you to get rid of it and let that waste come out of your body.” If, however, the diarrhea is overwhelming or you’re away from home, you can take a one-time dose of a remedy like Imodium (this works to slow down digestion) to help get you through the day, she says.

Eat more fiber and hydrate throughout the day. Beans, berries, whole grains, avocados and cruciferous vegetables like broccoli are good sources of fiber. Reach for water-containing fruits and veggies, such as apples, watermelon, carrots and celery.

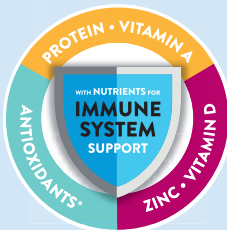
Eat more slowly, ditch the straw and avoid beans. Antacids with simethicone or Gas-X are safe, Lee says; they work by breaking up gas bubbles. “It’s easier to get rid of smaller bubbles than larger ones, but this doesn’t explain why this is happening,” she says. “If you’re dealing with gas regularly, see a health care provider for a diagnosis.”

See your health care provider to determine if you need tests to rule out other issues or need an OTC acid reducer. These include H2 blockers like Pepcid AC and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as Prilosec. “No doctor wants you to be on any medicines if you don’t have to be on them,” Lee says. “But if you truly have acid reflux disease and too much acid production, these will help you feel a lot better.”



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